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Senior center hosts early Easter gathering

EASTER DINNER – Senior citizens, their families, and friends gathered April 1 at the Commission on Aging Senior Center to share an early Easter dinner with all the trimmings. There was a huge, beautifully decorated Easter carrot cake and prizes were given away. The Senior Center is located on Lawndale Street in Grayling amid the senior housing. You need not be a resident of senior housing to participate in activities or to take advantage of services offered through the Commission on Aging. For more information call 348-7123.



Two area bridges slated for work

Wilcox Bridge work to be funded by state program

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Road Commission for Crawford County recently received word that the bridge on Wilcox Bridge Road in Grayling has been accepted into the State of Michigan's Critical Bridge Program and will be replaced.

The Critical Bridge Program will fund 95 percent of the project's construction costs. The Road Commission will be responsible for the other five percent, as well as approach work and engineering fees.

According to an early estimate, the Wilcox Bridge project will cost about \$230,000.

Through the Critical Bridge

Program, the new bridge must be completed by 2003. The Road Commission expects to begin construction in 2000, "if the current funding levels remain in the program."

The Road Commission also recently secured funding for another area bridge, the bridge over the East Branch of the AuSable on Lewiston Grade Road.

Money for this project will come from the U.S. Forest Service's Timber Bridge Program.

The Lewiston Grade bridge project is estimated to cost about \$110,000, and will be constructed in 1999 or 2000, "depending on design time," according to the Road Commission.

Safety grants to help with North Down reconstruction

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Improvements to North Down River Road planned for this summer will be funded in part by a pair of safety grants from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

The Road Commission for Crawford County and its consulting engineers prepared the necessary documentation and applied for the grants last year, which are available through MDOT's Fiscal Year Safety Program.

Both grants are for the amount of \$60,000 and are related to the North Down River Road reconstruction project, which will rebuild North Down from east of the I-75 ramps to just past the curve at Wilcox Bridge Road.

The grants require a local match of 20 percent, or \$12,000 per grant in this instance.

The first safety grant was awarded to improve the intersection of North Down and Wilcox Bridge Road. Thirty-five accidents were reported in this area during the five year period of 1991-96, with six of them being considered "serious."

The specific work to be done, as stated in the Road Commission's proposal to MDOT, includes "obliterating the two existing side roads that intersect at the PC and PT of a curve on North Down River Road and constructing one new side road intersecting at 90 degrees to North Down River Road."

Also, "The project will include construction of curb and gutter, and drainage improvements, a passing

flame on North Down River Road, and earthwork and clearing to improve sight distance."

The Road Commission is currently negotiating with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to purchase the triangle-shaped piece of land that the new Wilcox/North Down intersection would go through.

The second safety grant was approved for guardrail and drainage improvements on North Down.

Specifically, "Proposed work includes reconstruction of existing standard guardrail, and roadside safety and drainage improvements. Work will include replacing the existing core-ten steel guardrail adjacent to the I-75 northbound ramp and roadside ditching and foreslope and backslope work from

I-75 to Wilcox Bridge Road. The project will also include installing culverts and end sections at side road and driveway approaches."

The North Down River Road project is expected to take place this year. The plans are completed, and the Road Commission has secured funding at the federal level, the safety grants, and a \$50,000 pledge from Grayling Township.

The total project cost is expected to be near \$300,000.

The Road Commission is currently seeking safety grants for work on other area roads, including North Higgins Lake Drive, Cameron Bridge Road, and Kolka Creek Road. The Road Commission has also applied for an enhancement grant for Old Lake Road.

City Council awards bid for 1999 sidewalk program

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council recently awarded the bid for its 1999 sidewalk program, which will result in the construction of concrete walkways in the northern part of town and a few other locations.

The cost of the project will be about \$274,000.

The bid was awarded to Hunt Brothers Poured Walls, Inc. of Tawas City following a recommen-

dation to that effect by City Consulting Engineer Leonard Graf and City Manager Jerry Morford.

Hunt Bros. was the low bidder, and has worked with the City on projects in the past.

Morford said that he has been very happy with the work Hunt Bros. has done for the City of Grayling, and said they were "excellent people" to work with.

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Engler declares annual clean-up days

Governor John Engler has proclaimed April 1 through May 31 as Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc.'s (KMB's) annual "Clean-Up Days in Michigan." KMB, a statewide volunteer organization established in 1962, annually sets aside April through May to encourage spring clean-up.

KMB supports and participates in tree planting, recycling, and beautification projects throughout the state. Businesses, schools, commu-

nities, and individuals are encouraged to plan clean-up projects in conjunction with this statewide effort to keep Michigan beautiful.

John Engler urges citizens to help preserve Michigan's natural attraction. "The beauty of Michigan's lakes and streams, rolling farmlands, plentiful fruit orchards, and tree-lined streets contribute to the quality of life in our Great Lakes State and attract tourists from every corner of the world," he proclaimed.

Weather service updating continues with phase two

by Ian Van Walleghem
Staff Writer

The National Weather Service (NWS) in Gaylord announced another historic milestone. The modernization era will commence with phase two implementation on April 6 in Michigan.

In this case, the weather service will be taking full responsibility for all weather products issued. Forecasts will no longer be under Detroit supervision.

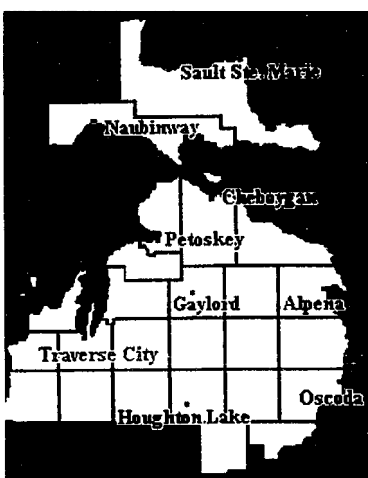
The Weather Forecast Office in Gaylord will assume complete forecast responsibility for 25 counties encompassing Northern Lower Michigan and extreme Eastern Upper Michigan. Continuous warning surveillance will be maintained as well as the most timely public, aviation, marine and fire weather forecasts to Northern Michigan twenty-four hours-a-day.

The new forecast area will be approximately from Sault Ste. Marie down to Cadillac and West Branch.

"The office is upgrading to five lead forecasters," said Michael Fitzsimmons, spokesman for the NWS. This additional responsibility is the result of successful implementation of the Advanced Weather Interactive Processing Systems (AWIPS) and the Weather Surveillance Radars (WSR-88D).

An increased staff and training was necessitated for the transition to take place.

"From the 1800s to the 1960s, there were only six offices in the United States," said NWS Warning



COVERAGE – This map shows the new area covered by the NWS in Gaylord.

Coordination Meteorologist, Brian Hirsch. At that time, Michigan's forecasting came from Chicago, which handled weather from the Dakotas, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. Since the 1960s, Northern Michigan's weather forecasts have come from Detroit.

The new system will provide five-day forecasts utilizing the Doppler principle, whereby storms are measured coming toward or away from radar.

"With the new radar and forecasters in the area, we hope to put out better forecasts," said Hirsch. Phase two should give us more time to look specifically at Northern Michigan.

"We can give better forecasts and

try to expand to seven-day forecasts," added Hirsch.

The National Weather Service in Gaylord will be holding an open house on June 12, in hopes to further educate the general public.

Spring fire danger is upon us

by Ian Van Walleghem
Staff Writer

A small ground fire did minor damage to Skyline Ski Area on Wednesday, March 31.

"It was a ground fire at the base of the hill," said Beaver Creek Fire Chief Ed Holtcamp. "Electrical power lines came in contact with one another when the insulator broke," he added. One-half acre burned primarily leaves, shortly after smoke was spotted.

The Fire Department extinguished the fire with water within minutes after it started. "The entire state is inundated with ground fires with the number and frequency of fires being up," explained Holtcamp.

Another ground fire occurred on March 30 around Pioneer Road on private property. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

A third fire was started from a broken insulator on a pole, which "shorted out" and threw sparks down to the ground around North Down River Road on March 31.

"Three and one-half to five acres burned, mainly small trees, near the sight of the Stephan Bridge Road fire of May, 1990," said Larry Allwardt, spokesman for the Grayling Fire Department.

The primary destruction from this Grayling fire occurred to young trees planted for regrowth after the previous fire.

Pick-up bursts into flames on the Loop



by Ian Van Walleghem
Staff Writer

A Chevrolet pick-up truck burst into flames April 2, in front of McDonald's restaurant, in the cross-over area of the I-75 Business Loop.

"The fire started in the engine compartment and then engulfed

the entire vehicle," said Steve Doyle of the Grayling Fire Department.

Fire fighters arrived within minutes and doused the fire with water.

North flight EMS arrived shortly thereafter, but the truck's owner, David Burns of Fife Lake, refused

any medical treatment even though medics were concerned about smoke inhalation.

Southbound traffic was detoured through the Grayling Mini Mall parking lot until the fire was extinguished.

The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation.

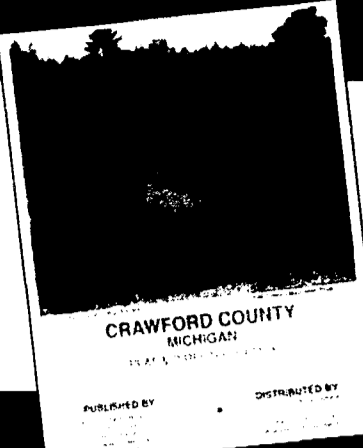
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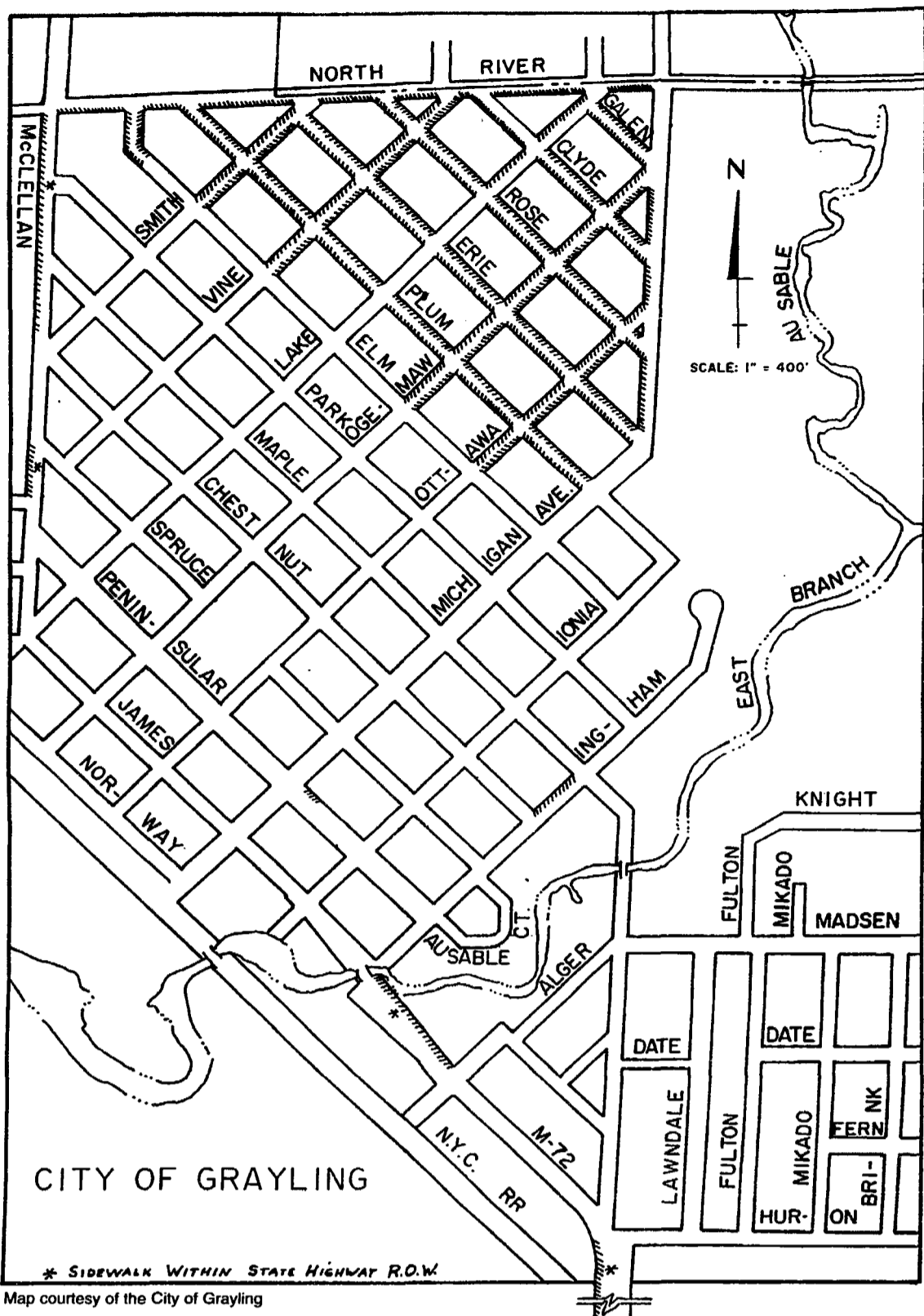
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CITY MAP -- Sidewalks to be constructed are marked on the above map by a series of diagonal lines. Sidewalks may or may not be constructed along North Down River Road, depending on the Road Commission's final plans for the North Down reconstruction project.

City awards bid for '99 sidewalk program

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"I feel fortunate that I live in a community that has money for a street improvement program that I've because we have an income tax. I don't know another city that has made the kind of improvements to the streets that we've been able to do."

"I'm very proud of the fact that this is the final piece of a street improvement program that I've been a part of for 27 years," he added.

Morford said that city officials, the contractor, and local utilities will have a "pre-construction meeting" on April 14 to discuss tentative schedules and possible obstacles. Construction should begin soon after that, Morford said.

"We expect them to start no later than May 1, and would like to see them finish by the end of July," he said.

How quickly the construction project is finished may depend on the weather, or other problems that may arise.

"The idea was to get out before Canoe Marathon weekend," Morford said. "That would be fantastic. Though, it shouldn't be too bad this year because it's not in the middle of the downtown area."

Sidewalks will be constructed in the areas shown on the adjoining map, which include residential areas by North Down River Road and Michigan Avenue, as well as a small spot by the Post Office and the area in front of City Hall.

The section that runs along North Down River Road may not be done this year, depending on the Road Commission's plan for North Down reconstruction this summer.

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Dance away the winter blues with the Milltown Follies



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT – The Milltown Tappers practice their dance routine at the Grayling Holiday Inn twice a week in preparation for the annual Milltown Follies. This year all proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity. Shown are (front, from left) Madeline Kucharek, Ann Doty, Inge Dunlap, Wanda Jarlock; (back row, from left) Ruth Beckwith, Jackie Norcross, Marie Hammond, Anna Lutz.

Seeking something to help shake off those winter blues and tweak your body for the balmy beginnings of Spring? Come one, come all to the sixth annual Milltown Follies, presented by a host of talented people who will lull you with song, dazzle you with dance and make your heart light with laughter in true northern Michigan style.

The Milltown Follies 1999 will present an evening of entertainment that will appeal to everyone's fancy. Director Howard Taylor is gathering a special group of musicians for this event will also accompany the popular Milltown Chorus in a medley of songs for the four seasons.

The evening will also feature the Northern Lights Womens Barbershop Chorus from Gaylord and The Unrighteous Singers who specialize in comedy and song.

Tapping their way onto the stage will be the Milltown Tappers sharing the spotlight this year with The Cloggers from Mio.

Ann Doty, Chairperson of the Milltown Follies board, states that there will be "a special something" for everyone. From poetry to guitar music to Floyd Guernsey and his buddy in song, entitled *Brush Up Your Shakespeare*. A good time is guaranteed by Doty.

Doors open at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 16 at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, located at the Grayling High School on Old 27 just a few miles north of Grayling.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m., with dessert afterglow following the program.

Tickets for this one-night-only performance will be sold at the door. Prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Proceeds from the event will go to Crawford County Habitat for Humanity to cover construction costs of their fourth home for a local family.

Mercy tries to minimize lay-offs while trimming budget

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Rising costs and the gap created by cuts in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement payments to Mercy Health Services North has prompted administrators to reduce expenses at the Grayling and Cadillac facilities.

Through their Performance Improvement Plan, Mercy is hoping to accomplish two percent operating profit for Fiscal Year 2000 by reducing operating costs by a total of \$5 million dollars – about \$3 million in

Cadillac and \$2 million in Grayling.

Mercy administrators agree that in order to remain financially viable and continue to reinvest capital dollars into the Community Healthcare System, as well as maintain consistent, quality medical care, the not-for-profit organization must reduce spending.

The Performance Improvement Plan currently being developed by Mercy concerns the upcoming fiscal year which begins July 1, 1999. It will address ways to improve oper-

ating performance, ranging from implementing revenue enhancement initiatives to controlling labor and non-labor expenses.

Included in measures to cut expenses will be some labor reduction. Mercy administrators stated that every effort will be made to minimize actual layoffs by not filling job vacancies when they arise, restructuring work duties, reducing hours and offering voluntary separation packages.

"Our commitment is to have as

minimal an adverse impact as possible on our employees," said Shari Spoelman, Director of Community Relations for Mercy Health Services North. "Therefore we are looking for alternatives to reducing the work force."

There will also be a reduction in duplicate services arising from the partnership between Mercy and Munson Healthcare.

A statement from Mercy said, "It is in Munson's best interest (and the interest of our communities) for Mercy North to perform well financially."

AuSable Quilt Guild invites all to Quilt Inn

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The ladies of the AuSable Quilt Guild are at it again. This time they will be quilting for Habitat for Humanity.

The Guild will be hosting a *Quilt Inn* on Saturday, April 24 at the Grayling Knights of Columbus Hall on Norway Street.

Guild member Janet Gildner said,

"This is a perfect day to get together since it is also the first day of Trout Season." Part of the day's activities include a silent auction of a quilted wall hanging depicting different habitats.

Stitching will go on from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., so those planning to participate should bring a project work on and a sack lunch. Dessert and beverages will be supplied.

Beginners and those wishing to learn how to quilt are invited to come and learn from some long-time quilters.

The event includes door prizes, too. So, even if you aren't planning to stitch with the ladies, stop by and see what's going on, make a bid on the wall hanging, and get in on the fun to raise money for the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity's fourth house.

For further information, contact Janet Gildner at 348-4320 or Barb Porter at the Icehouse Quilt Shop at 348-4821.

Local man travels Road to Riches

J. Warren Grooters, 70, of Grayling was a contestant recently on the Michigan Lottery's television game show, *Road to Riches*.

In a press release from the Lottery, the retired plumbing supply salesman was reported to have won \$700 on the show. He told Lottery officials he plans on using his winnings to pay some bills.

On *Road to Riches*, contestants select travel symbols from the game board named such categories as "Leisure Lane" and "Easy Street."

The contestant winning the closest amount to \$1,000 without going over in the first four rounds advances to the final round to try and choose which of four keys will open the big vault containing a top prize of \$50,000.

Other prizes up for grabs are instant cash bonuses and a Caribbean cruise for two.

Grooters said he thought his chances were "one in a million" of being chosen as a contestant.

All *Road to Riches* contestants receive the full "star" treatment, including limousine service for travel around Detroit, accommodations at the Courtyard Marriott-Detroit and a special luncheon at The Whitney restaurant.

Before the show, each contestant visits a television makeup artist and is photographed with the show's hosts, Chuck Gaidica and Aggie Usedly.

The weekly game show stems from the Michigan Lottery's instant games. Players enter a drawing to be a contestant on the *Road to Riches* show by sending in three

non-winning tickets, one from each of three different instant games. Six entries are randomly drawn every week.

Road to Riches airs on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. on a state wide network of nine stations including WGTU-TV 29 out of Traverse City.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Keeping up, with a different perspective

KEEPING UP with the news while away on vacation is easy, what with availability of local newspapers, and the omnipresence of electronic styles of information.

However, it can cause one to approach the news from a slightly different perspective.

At least, that's what I found on our recently ended stay in Florida.

Of course, I keep an eye on local politics. Florida has an unusual problem this year. Republicans are running everything in the state capital in Tallahassee.

Election of Jeb Bush as governor (he's the other son of former President George Bush), along with winning both House and Senate, gave Republicans complete control of state government for the first time since the Civil War reconstruction era.

Now, of course, Republicans are spitting among themselves, but so far it's only over relatively minor matters.

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AS A POLITICAL junkie, I'm bound to compare legislative activities with Michigan's. All in all, I'll take Florida, mainly because it's part time.

This year, for example, the Florida lawmakers by the first of April, were ironing out details on a near-\$50 billion budget, after wrangling with such divisive items as partial birth abortions, school reforms, tax cuts and other matters with a familiar sound.

Then it will be back home to the district until next year, with the annual lawmaking chores finished in a two-month session.

Florida rotates legislative leadership every two years, too.

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HOW ABOUT Michigan? Lawmakers are just now getting started. Likely they will be in session until New Year's Eve, with a budget one of the last items to be completed.

On the sidelines, critics wring their hands

that new members can't seem to get the hang of it, and that new leadership doesn't seem up to the task.

Don't believe it. Michigan can't be unique in the complexity of the lawmaking process. Other states work well with part time legislatures, and with a continual turnover and influx of new members and new leaders due to term limits, either voluntary or by law.

Maybe Michigan voters should take another look.

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IN GEORGIA, the legislature provided a different example of how Michigan ought to do things.

In the final hours before adjournment for the year in late March, the part-time Georgia Legislature voted for a 43 percent pay increase for members, going from \$11,347 a year up to \$16,200.

The usual arguments were sounded for and against -- they're underpaid, it's too

much all at one jump, it will attract more qualified candidates, the voters don't want it, etc.

But a couple of key points should be noted:

-- 1. The pay raise was voted by the legislature, right out in the open. In Michigan, the pay setting process hides behind the State Officer Compensation Commission, and any raise requires positive action to reject it. That hardly ever happens in Michigan.

-- 2. The Georgia pay raise won't take effect until 2001, which is after the next election; those who voted for it must stand before the voters before receiving it. In Michigan, new pay rates are set after an election and take effect immediately. Candidates run for a job paying one figure, and get an immediate raise.

-- 3. Part time legislators even at \$16,200 are a lot less expensive than Michigan's full time pay near \$60,000.

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FURTHER NORTH, the Tennessee legislature was wrapped up in a proposal that any creature killed on the highway could be retained by the driver.

Aimed at deer killed on the highway, the road kill bill also covered possum, raccoon, skunk and any other varmints which ended up dead on the road.

This, in turn, evoked all sorts of humor. "Hey Paw," goes one line. "Jump in the pickup and go out and run over something for supper."

The possibilities are endless, but I don't know whether the bill passed.

The moral of this entire essay is only that travel can be educational, especially if you keep up with what's going on wherever you might be by reading the local newspapers.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

VIEWPOINT

MHSAA opposes House Bill 4204

by John E. Roberts, MHSAA Executive Director

The most basic policy of school sports -- the premise and the first rule -- is that persons must be students of the schools they represent in competition.

The policy is not absolutely rigid. Many accommodations are available. If students and schools agree and arrange, students can take some or all of their courses in another facility and remain eligible at their base school. This can apply, for example, to:

- Special education students.
- Alternative education students.
- Students taking courses at colleges and universities.
- School-administered home-bound, home schooling and distance-learning programs.
- Schools involved in cooperatively sponsored sports programs.

In each case, a close connection between students and the schools they represent in sports must be maintained. It is inconsistent with the goals and objectives of educational athletics to have students without such a connection drop by the school building after the school day is over and take spots on school teams away from properly enrolled and/or connected students.

We have no quarrel with those who choose alternatives to public schools. They should have this prerogative. And likewise, schools should be allowed the prerogative to limit their teams to their own students.

Some people who do not choose public schools for their children's classroom education want their children to associate with those schools for the sports teams their preferred program of education either cannot or will not provide. They ignore the hypocrisy of that position.

Most often they use the argument that they pay taxes, believing doing so purchases their son or daughter the right to engage in an activity for which they are not enrolled. They ignore that no such right exists, any more than the right to ride government airplanes because our taxes helped buy them.

Even students who are enrolled in a school don't have the right to participate in voluntary, extracurricular interscholastic athletics; so obviously, students who are not enrolled in that school don't have the right.

The basic rule of school sports is enrollment -- enrollment in the school that sponsors the team. Any modification of the basic rule should occur in the future as it has in the past: because schools and the full-time athletic association most of them have joined, see the need and can implement the change with proper accountability.

House Bill 4204 -- which would require public schools to allow athletic participation by students of charter schools, home schools and other non-public schools -- is an air-

ball philosophically and creates many practical problems:

1. The legislation provides at best no net gain in participation opportunities:

• Unenrolled students will displace enrolled students for the limited number of playing positions on public school teams.

2. The legislation provides a disincentive for nonpublic and charter schools to maintain existing teams or create new teams, likely resulting in fewer opportunities:

• Schools with struggling programs will have less incentive to keep them; schools without programs will have no incentive to start them.

3. The legislation creates a management nightmare:

• School calendars differ for vacations and exams and grading periods; school requirements and penalties differ for attendance, academic eligibility and codes of conduct.

4. The legislation badly rewrites the myriad of contradictions and omissions.

• Recruiting abuses will increase.

5. There is a weak provision for accountability for a home schooled student's academic progress during the previous marking period and school year and there is no provision for academic accountability during the current semester when participation actually occurs

• The academic integrity of educational athletics will be lost.

6. The legislation will outrage the parents of enrolled students when their children lose participation opportunities to unenrolled children who spend no time in that school's classroom and are unaccountable to that school's administration and board of education.

If this legislation passes, it won't be too long until the starting 5 for your public school's basketball teams is as follows:

Point Guard: 5'8" freshman who attends a small Christian school in the next town.

Shooting Guard: 6'0" sophomore sharpshooter who attends that same Christian school but played basketball at your cross-town rival public high school last season.

Center: 6'8" out-of-state transfer who was academically ineligible the previous year, but is home schooled and eligible now. It's uncertain if he's a junior, senior or in his 5th year of "high school."

Power Forward: 6'5" junior who for 3 years has attended a charter school 30 miles away from your school.

Shooting Forward: 6'2" senior who's home schooled and playing on his 4th different team in four years.

If that's what you want, stay silent while others play the game on their home court without any opponents or referees.

Tobacco settlement money should target smoking prevention and cessation

To the editor,

For those people who are interested in preventing kids from starting to smoke and helping adults quit smoking, there is important legislation in the works that you should know about.

In the near future, our legislators will be voting on where to use the money that the State received from the tobacco companies as part of the tobacco settlement. There are programs this money could be used for including education, road repair, etc.

However, one of the key points to keep in mind is that the reason the State sued the tobacco companies was to recoup the costs the State has incurred due to Michigan residents smoking.

The settlement money will be paid to the State by the tobacco companies over the next 25 years. It is my understanding that the annual amount will be approximately \$320 million. If none of that money is allocated towards tobacco prevention and cessation programs, 25 years from now the State will be in the same situation we are in now.

The reason for this is that with the current level of tobacco funding, it is very difficult to implement comprehensive programs that will successfully prevent kids from starting and help other people quit. If the number of smokers in the State does not decrease, then the State will have to continue to use tax dollars to pay for the health care of smokers when they become sick

from cigarette smoke.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends that the State of Michigan appropriate \$150 million of the \$320 million annually for tobacco prevention and cessation in order to provide a comprehensive program.

The American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, American Heart Association, and the Tobacco-Free Michigan Action Coalition are asking the legislators to appropriate \$75 million annually.

This would leave more than 75 percent of the settlement money to go toward things like education or road repair. These groups believe that over the span of 25 years, \$75 million would adequately cover the cost of a comprehensive program. They are calling this initiative "Operation Invest."

District Health Department #10 supports this initiative and we encourage other employees of health care agencies, human service agencies, schools, local businesses, concerned community members, etc. to contact their legislators and tell them that we need tobacco settlement money to be spent on tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

Crawford County's Senator is George McManus (Phone 517-373-1725) and the Representative is Ken Bradstreet (Phone 517-373-0829).

Don Halvorsen
Chairman, Board of Health
District Health Department #10

Don't let voter minority decide for the majority

To the editor,

The Grayling Township meeting held on March 9 to answer citizens' questions regarding the high school bond issue was very poorly attended, as were the meetings held in Frederic Township and Beaver Creek.

Unfortunately, the attendance correlates with the recent voter turnout. When the bond issue was presented the last two times, less than 12% of the voters voiced an opinion.

In the recent December accident of I-75, the people of this community reached out, aided, supported, and comforted perfect strangers in their time of need. Are these the same people that are showing such a lack of concern regarding their own children's future?

Churches, schools, shopping, housing, and recreation facilities are all attributes that characterize a community. Newcomers expect schools to have opportunities for their young people comparable to other areas of Michigan. Are Grayling's youth less worthy?

Many retirees are choosing to

come to the great North, myself included. The area has much to offer. But we cannot retire from our responsibilities of providing the very best for the young people of this community - our community.

Young parents, get out to vote! Ultimately it must be the parents that pass this bond issue. Let your children know that their education is important to you.

Children have endless energy. Let it be used constructively in the gym, music and drama areas. Let these opportunities be available to your children. Let updated programs be there for their benefit.

Yes, it will cost - but better to invest in something with years of profitable returns.

I am thankful that the school board decided to give the voters another opportunity to voice their opinions. Don't let 12% of the voters decide what is best for this community. Don't let a small portion of the voters decide what your children can do without. Mark June 14th on your calendar.

Marge Franklin
Grayling Township

Accident victims commend Army medic for his kindness

To the editor,

On December 20, 1998, my mother and I were traveling down West Silver Lake Road in Traverse City when slippery road conditions caused us to swerve, leaving the roadway, hitting an embankment and rolling into a ditch.

Directly after this occurred, a man whom we later learned was Walter "Chip" Waite, Specialist 4, arrived on the scene.

I, myself, was able to extricate myself and my two daughters from the vehicle, but my mother was pinned in the vehicle. She was horribly frightened and, of course, had unknown injuries.

Waite was excellent with my mother. He held her head and talked to her throughout the ordeal. I was very worried that she would be sent into painful spasms when they tried to extricate her because of

her chronic pain condition. Waite was the one who made the EMTs aware of this condition.

I'm afraid of what might have happened had he not been so vocal to them about being careful in the way they touched her body when removing her.

Waite showed extreme kindness and professional care and concern during our traumatic time. He didn't have to stop and help us, but he did. We're so glad he was there.

Renee Barber & Patricia Decker
Traverse City

SPC4 Waite is a 1995 Grayling High School graduate and has served in the U.S. Army for almost two years as a medic. He is currently stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. Waite is the son of Judy Trailer of Beaver Creek Township.

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BRIEFS

'Elvis' will perform at home show

Charlie Robbins and his tribute to Elvis Presley - King of Rock and Roll, will be performing *The Vegas Years* at the Tri-Lake Builders Home Show on April 11 at 2 p.m. at the Houghton Lake High School.

Transplant support group to meet

The next meeting of the Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will be held April 17, at 1 p.m. in the classroom at Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) in Gaylord. To check for cancellations or for more information on the group, please call Bev Cherwinski at (517) 983-4188, Suzie Coveyou at (616) 347-7844, or OMH's Health and Education Department at (517) 731-2193.

Garden club to discuss old days' plants

The Kirtland Garden Club will host June Ginther of Grayling on Monday, April 19. Ginther will present *Plants of the Pioneers and Indians* at 1 p.m. at the Roscommon Congregational Church. Call Cheryl at (517) 366-9214 or Debbie at (517) 821-6244 if planning to attend. Bring along any gardening catalogs to share with the group.

SHARE sign-up/pick-up scheduled

There will be a SHARE sign-up April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Commission on Aging on Lawndale Street in Grayling. The SHARE pick-up will be April 23, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints on North Down River Road.

Eagles to nominate new officers

Nominations for 1999-2000 Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465 officers will be held during the regular meeting on Monday, April 19. Members will vote on Monday, May 3, from 12 noon until 7 p.m., by ballot in the Club Room. Results will be announced during the meeting.

Plastic manufacturer to speak at lunch

Tom Winters of Classic Container will be the guest speaker at the April 12 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling. The meeting will be held at 12:10 p.m. at Shoppenagon's Inn. Guests are welcome.

Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria of Community Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Please call (517) 821-5721 for further information.

Latter-Day Saints conference planned

The semi-annual Traverse City Michigan District conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will be held on Sunday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Traverse City Chapel, located at 3476 Veterans Drive. The District includes the Alpena, Cadillac, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Gaylord, Grayling, Petoskey, St. Ignace and Traverse City areas. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call Ann Stephenson, Director of Church Public Affairs/Traverse City District at 344-0047 or 344-9678.

CCC Camp Lunden seeking alumni

The Lewiston Area Historical Society, Inc. will be restoring the unique Great Lakes Model at the State of Michigan Historic Site #647 this spring. The Model was designed and built by the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) enrollees at CCC Camp Lunden in 1936. In their effort to include all involved in the original project, the Society is asking these enrollees or their families to write them at: LAHS, P.O. Box 461, Lewiston, MI 49756, or call (517) 786-2451.

New writers encouraged to enter contest

The second annual *Voices of Michigan* writing contest will be accepting selections between April 1 and August 1, 1999. The contest is sponsored by Mackinac Island Book store and Mackinac Jane's Publishing Company.

No experience is necessary to enter the contest and selections need not be about Michigan.

The response to the first contest was overwhelming and provided 41 novice writers with the opportunity to be published, many for the first

time. The first edition of *Voices of Michigan...An Anthology of Michigan's Finest New Authors* will be available in book stores and through mail order on May 1.

Writers are invited to prepare a work of almost any kind and submit it to MackinacJane's Publishing Company, *Voices of Michigan*, Box 475, Mackinac Island, Michigan 49757. The work can be fiction, non-fiction, or poetry.

All entrants will be notified of the judges' decisions. The best pieces

Whitetails Unlimited gets ready for annual banquet

The Roscommon/Crawford Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited (WTU) will hold its annual Fundraising Banquet on Saturday, April 24, at the Grayling Knights of Columbus Hall, which is located at 604 Norway Road.

This year's dinner will feature a raffle, silent and live auctions, sporting equipment displays, guns, wildlife art and WTU collectibles.

Ticket prices are: \$35 single, additional \$15 for a spouse, and \$20 for anyone 15 and under. Tickets will not be sold at the door, and must be ordered by April 18.

For tickets, call Dan Hagle at (517) 275-8341 or WTU Headquarters at 1-800-274-5471.

Tickets can also be purchased at the following area locations: Skip's Sport Shop of Grayling; Parts Plus, Tee Pee Restaurant and Village Ace Hardware (all of Roscommon); Lenny's Sporting Goods in Houghton Lake; Sports Barn and Higgins Lake Sport & Tackle of Higgins Lake; and Basil & Mike's Maxi Muffler in Prudenville.

All ticket holders will receive a free WTU hunting knife.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with a "social hour," which will be followed by a buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m.

To be a sponsor of the banquet a



donation of at least \$100 in cash or merchandise is required. Sponsors will receive a WTU sponsor print, pin and decal, and will be entered into a special drawing for a rifle. Also, sponsors will receive 10 free pre-season raffle tickets.

Contact Dan Hagle if you wish to sponsor.

This year's pre-season raffle will give participants a chance at winning a Weatherby Fiberguard B/A .270.

All proceeds from the banquet will go towards purchasing hunting licenses for youth ages 12-15.

WTU is a national, non-profit organization that seeks to raise funds in support of education, habitat conservation, and the preservation of the hunting tradition for the benefit of the white-tailed deer and other wildlife.

Farm Park offers fruit tree pruning class

On April 17, Wellington Farm Park near Higgins Lake and Grayling will again offer a class in fruit tree pruning.

The program is being offered to all those interested, free of charge.

The class will begin at 9 a.m. at the Wellington Farm Park Visitor Center on South Military Road, conducted by Jim Nugent of the Michigan Horticultural Research Station in Leelanau County.

One of the highlights of this class will be the pruning for rejuvenation of an old abandoned apple tree. At this year's class, the results of this radical pruning procedure can be observed as Nugent demonstrates maintenance pruning on an old tree that was radically pruned two years ago.

Other demonstrations will include

the annual pruning of a producing dwarf apple tree. Nugent will also discuss diseases, insects, and their control.

Wellington Farm Park is a living history farm located four miles north of Higgins Lake, easily accessible from both I-75 and US-27. For more information or to pre-register for the pruning class, call 1-888-653-3276. This is a toll free call.

Wellington Farm Park is still taking applications for volunteers for the 1999 season. More information about the Wellington Farm Park Volunteer Program can also be obtained by calling the park.

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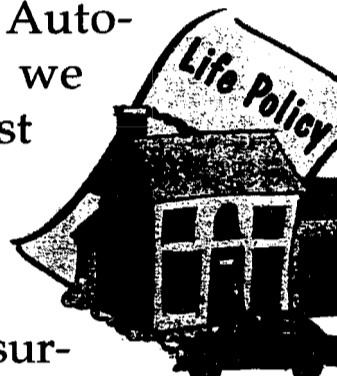
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FRI 9	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 10	•NATIONAL ADOPT A PET DAY! Contact the animal shelter at 517-348-4117.
SUN 11	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 12	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS meeting @ COA office, 1:30 pm. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 13	•GPA MEETING @ Shoppenagon's, 12 noon. •AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION dinner meeting @ 5:30 pm. Call Cathy @ 348-8076 for more info. •AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON meeting @ Mini-Mall race office, 7 pm. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
WED 14	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, 5:30 pm. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

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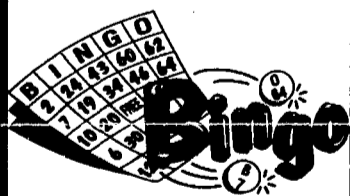
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Grayling

Thursday - 7 pm

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Friday - 6:30 pm

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The Bible Speaks

Is Adultery Evil?

You may remember when Ted Turner offered a public challenge for someone to write new more modern 10 commandments. Recently Turner was quoted as saying, [The Ten Commandments] are a little out of date. If you're only going to have 10 rules, I don't know if [prohibiting] adultery should be one of them." We should be reminded that God did not write 10 opinions, ideas, or arbitrary rules. God wrote 10 commandments in stone for human beings to hear and obey, and not to challenge, or change.

God said plainly in Exodus 20:14, "Thou shalt not commit Adultery." God wrote the 10th commandment to remind man that he is not even to covet or lust after his neighbor's wife. (Exodus 20:17) "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's." Jesus Christ tied these two commandments together in Matthew 5:27-28. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: [28] But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthened and exalted His commandment against adultery, rather

than weakening or discrediting it.

God says it is impossible to commit adultery and avoid punishment. (Proverbs 6:27-29) "Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? [28] Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? [29] So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent."

God says one who commits adultery is dumb and self-destructive. (Proverbs 6:32-35) "But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. [33] A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away. [34] For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. [35] He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts." Adultery leads to personal violence and family destruction.

Adultery, by dishonoring marriage and the home results in God's judgment: (Hebrews 13:4) "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

Unbelieving liberals have been for a generation undermining the authority of God's 7th commandment. The hippies

of the 60's said sex should become as natural and informal as a handshake. Psychologists have for decades blamed the puritanical sex code of the Bible for human guilt and mental problems. The "pill" was pushed to allow women to indulge freely in sex by promising them power over divine conception. Abortion was legalized, empowering death as a personal choice to privately resolve any unwanted sexual complications. The evil of rape is even minimized where abortion is defended. Sodomy, the most condemned sexual evil in the Bible is being exalted as a special civil right and approved lifestyle. God said in Ephesians 5:5: "For this ye know, that no covetmonger, nor unclean person, nor chameleon, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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Homeschool support group offers seminar

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Christian Homeschoolers Educating for Excellence and Righteousness (C.H.E.E.R.) is offering *The Homeschooling for Life Seminar* on May 1 at the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church.

C.H.E.E.R. is a support group organized about a year ago to offer a place for homeschooling parents to share information and discuss issues concerning educating children at home with a Christian basis.

The seminar will focus on the following subjects:

- Evaluate Your Educational Goals in Light of Scripture;
- Understand God's Purposes for Home Education;
- Develop Godly Character in Your Children;
- Establish Discipleship Model;

- Prepare Your Children for Marriage in The Lord;
- Avoid the Socialization Trap;
- Know Why You Were Picked to Teach Your Own Children.

According to C.H.E.E.R. Support Group Leader Kathryn Kost, this seminar is designed for those with homeschooling experience and is not a "how-to" for those just starting out.

The Homeschooling for Life Seminar "goes well beyond getting started, answering the deeper questions surrounding the lifestyle of home education," stated Kost.

The seminar, which runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., is being presented at no cost by Wisdom's Gate, an independent homeschooling company. However pre-registration is required by calling 1-800-343-1943.

Families are encouraged to attend this seminar together, but parents will be responsible for children as no nursery or child care services will be provided.

A free will offering will be taken to cover expenses, and selections from the Wisdom's Gate line of resources will be available for purchase.

The Gaylord Evangelical Free Church is located on M-32, two miles east of downtown Gaylord.

For more information on the seminar or joining the support group, call Kathryn Kost at (517) 732-3698.

HONORS

Spring Arbor College

Kelly Leigh Kiefer of Grayling has been named to the Dean's List at Spring Arbor College for Fall 1998.

To be named to the Dean's List, full-time students must receive a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the semester. Part-time students must receive a 3.5 gpa for the semester and carry a cumulative 3.5 gpa.

Church Directory



Beneath the image each of us must present as we climb the career ladder, there is a vulnerable child. There is a child behind our strong facade who wants to confide fears and anxieties to someone he or she can trust to understand. Let someone else provide the answers for a change. The child wants to laugh. It has been

said... "Joy is the echo of God's life within us."

As a pacemaker is a mechanical boost to a weak heart, God living within us is the spiritual boost each of us needs for our soul. He hears our fears and anxieties and always understands us, for our Heavenly Father indeed created us and all that we feel. In Matthew 11:28, our Lord assures us, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

This week, visit God's House. Trust the Father with your troublesome thoughts. Unload the burdens on your heart, for you are a child of God...and He wants His child to laugh.

THE CHILD WITHIN

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Phone 348-4033
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Church Service 9:30 am
Sabbath School 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues. 7 pm

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Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

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Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
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Wednesday 7 pm
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Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study 7 pm

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Sunday Service 10 am

The Church of Christ
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Wed. Prayer Service 7 pm

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Wednesday Service 7 pm

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Wednesday 7 pm

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Pediatrician joins OMH physician family

Gaylord - Dr. J. Michael Pankey, a pediatrician who has been serving Otsego County residents for more than 15 years, is establishing a full-time practice from his Gaylord office.

Dr. Pankey will continue to see his current patients and is accepting new patients, from birth to 18 years old.

"We're busy, but we're never too busy if your child is sick," Dr. Pankey said. "If you're sick today, we'll see you today."

Dr. Pankey operates his office at 1371 W. M-32 in Gaylord, the former Burns Clinic building. A former Burns Clinic physician, Dr. Pankey has joined the Otsego Memorial Hospital staff in order to continue his northern Michigan practice and lifestyle.

He and his wife, Sue, a certified medical assistant, enjoy the opportunity to golf, fish, snowmobile, cross-country ski and canoe. Dr. Pankey said he is happy to have the chance to continue to serve his

existing patients and enjoy the amenities of northern Michigan.

Dr. Pankey chose the pediatric specialty for a very simple reason. "I like kids," he said. Moving his practice to Gaylord will allow him to serve the children of Otsego and surrounding counties. He is looking forward to working with the staff and administration of Otsego Memorial Hospital.

"Everyone at OMH has been very supportive," he said. "From the first minute I talked to John MacLeod I knew I had a friend there. He's made this decision very easy."

Dr. Pankey said other pediatricians in the area are welcoming him,

too.

Dr. Pankey attended medical school at Indiana University. He served his pediatric internship and residency at Butterworth Hospital, and an ambulatory fellowship at Indiana University. He is board certified in pediatrics and is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Pankey, call (517) 732-6421. His office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday. The office building is located at 1371 W. M-32 between Big Boy and the Wal-Mart Plaza.

Otsego Memorial keeps practitioners in Gaylord

Gaylord - Four medical practitioners will remain in Gaylord, and another will practice in Gaylord full-time thanks to an agreement between the Gaylord Family Practice Associates and Otsego Memorial Hospital.

Drs. Michael Samalik, Gary Lingaur and Christopher Milan, their physician assistant Constance Burke, and pediatrician J. Michael Pankey have all become employees of Otsego Memorial Hospital. All were formerly employed by Burns Clinic.

"We're very happy the Hospital is in a position to enable us to continue living and practicing in Gaylord," said Dr. Samalik, of Gaylord Family Practice Associates. "Had the Hospital not made an offer, we may well have had to relocate to another community."

"Our primary goal is to keep medical practitioners in Gaylord," said John MacLeod, Administrator and CEO of Otsego Memorial Hospital. "These physicians care

for a large number of community members and we didn't want to jeopardize that."

Under the new agreement, Otsego Memorial Hospital will provide administrative support to the reorganized medical practice.

Billing and personnel issues will be handled by OMH so the doctors can continue to focus on patient care.

"We want people to understand that the doctors may establish an independent practice at some point - and we support that as well," MacLeod said. "The Hospital aggressively recruits new physicians to the area and helps get their practices started. In this case, the focus was on retaining physicians for the people in our service area who depend on them."

Gaylord Family Practice Associates, and pediatrician J. Michael Pankey, will continue to operate at the former Burns Clinic building, at 1371 W. Main St., Gaylord. To schedule an appointment, call (517) 732-6421.

Survey ranks work-family balance

In a new nation wide consumer survey, more than one-quarter (26 percent) of respondents rated the ability to balance work and family as their top career concern for the future, above earning a competitive salary (23 percent) or job security (17 percent).

The survey was developed by OfficeTeam, a leading staffing service specializing in highly skilled administrative professionals. It was conducted by an independent research firm and includes responses from 687 men and women, all 18 years of age or older and employed.

"Finding enough time each day to

meet work and family demands has always been a challenge for employees," said Diane Domeyer, executive director of OfficeTeam. "But with today's prevalence of dual-income families and longer work hours, this issue has moved to center stage."

She added, "Companies that implement and encourage work-life balance programs are not just showing concern for employees' personal lives, they're also practicing good business."

These policies can be pivotal in recruitment and retention efforts, especially in a low unemployment market."

Credit Union hires new GM and CEO

North Central Area Credit Union announced the hiring of Richard W. Shay as its new General Manager and Chief Executive Officer.

Shay has over 23 years of experience in the financial services industry, most recently as executive vice president of Community Federal Credit Union.

His past community involvement includes the Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross, and various community service groups.

The new GM and CEO stated he looks forward to serving the credit union's members and becoming a part of the Grayling community.

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At the conference, Glasser will explain and demonstrate to teachers, administrators, parents, and counselor's new methods to work with students to increase success in school, with emphasis on preven-

tion of discipline problems before they occur.

Drawing on many years of personal experience and using materials from his recent book, *Choice Theory, A New Psychology of Personal Freedom*, Glasser will explain how you can use this theory in both your professional and personal lives.

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Meyers named *Friends, for Life* recipient

Lisa Meyers, Emergency Room Unit Assistant, was recognized as the new *Friends, for Life* recipient at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

The *Friends, for Life* award recognizes employees for their role in Mercy's commitment to quality patient care.

Meyers describes her role as a "go-between" in the relationship between the Emergency Room (ER) staff and other departments within the hospital. She promotes a smooth-running ER.

Currently a student in the School of Nursing at Kirtland Community College, Meyers will be completing her clinicals at Mercy Hospital.

"I see trends at our facility which offer increased customer satisfaction. They are served quicker and are more satisfied with services they receive," Meyers said.

"I was so surprised by this award. I have always thought that Mercy Hospital was a great place to work. It has become my second home and I will be here for the long run."



Lisa Meyers

Community Development receives \$7,500 grant

The Northern Homes Community Development Corporation (CDC) received a \$7,500 grant from MichCon Gas Company to kick off the CDC's fund raising campaign.

The goal is to raise \$95,000 in order to open an office, hire a director, and have the resources to make a significant impact on the availability and construction of affordable housing in northern Michigan.

The Northern Homes CDC is a nonprofit, affordable housing development organization that serves six counties - Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet and Otsego.

The ten-member Board of Directors and a six-member advisory panel represents a broad spectrum of people involved in housing and community development, including Randy Black of the Crawford County Commission on Aging.

The Northern Homes CDC recently commissioned a study through Michigan State University that documented that the availability

of affordable housing is at an all-time low in northern Michigan.

"The average working family has difficulty finding any type of affordable housing," said Tom Johnson, President of Northern Homes CDC. "Most homes that sell in the \$70,000 to \$120,000 range are sold within one or two days."

In response to this study, the organization chose to take a unique approach to affordable housing development by working with individual communities. They will identify the community's specific needs and the elements of a desirable housing development and will then put together the financing and necessary to develop several homes simultaneously.

Northern Homes CDC has secured the services of the National Development Council (NDC) through a U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant. The NDC is one of the nation's leading non-profit housing development organizations and will be on retainer until March 2000 to help pack-

age financing for housing throughout the six-county region, helping with their technical expertise in the areas of financing and affordable housing development.

Technical assistance services have also been secured from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), the State's department responsible for housing development that provides assistance to home buyers, communities and developers.

For more information on the Northern Homes Community Development Corporation or how to make a contribution, please call (616) 582-6482.

HOMETOWN NEWS

The April 1 edition of Hometown News covered Cruising with Margie. Mrs. Darla Hamm of Mt. Clemens was omitted from the cruise list. The cruise reporters are sorry for the omission.

Deadline nears for Innovation Awards Contest

The May 1 deadline for entering the 1999 Small Business Innovation Awards competition is fast approaching.

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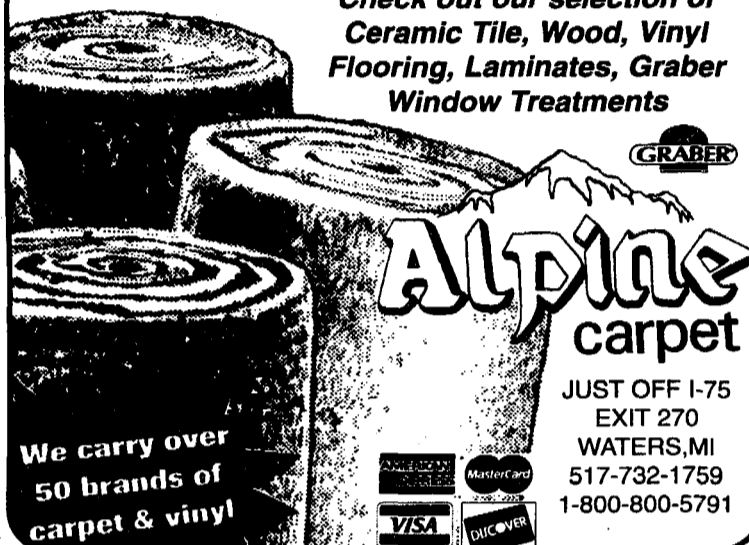
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Stephanie M. Slaby

Stephanie M. Slaby, 72, of Grayling, died March 31, 1999 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Mrs. Slaby was born Mary 9, 1926 in Jackson, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Wysocki) Kwiatek. Mrs. Slaby moved to Grayling five years ago from Jackson. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mitchell Slaby, her parents, Frank and Mary (Wysocki) Kwiatek, a brother, Joseph Kwiatek and a brother-in-law, Eugene Donohoe.

Survivors include: one daughter, Patricia (David) Lashley of Grayling; one son, Dennis Slaby and fiancée, Barbara Milliman of Livonia; one sister, Theresa Donohoe of South Branch; one brother, Frank "Smiley" (Delores) Kwiatek of Jackson; one sister-in-law, Pauline Kwiatek of Glennie, and three grandsons, Andrew and Nicholas Lashley of Grayling, and Alexander Slaby of Livonia.

A wake was held Sunday evening at the Sorenson Funeral Home, Grayling. A mass of Christian burial was held Monday, April 5 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Reverend Robert Nalley officiating. Interment was in St. John Catholic Cemetery, Jackson with Reverend James Shaver officiating. Funeral arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Her family suggests memorial donations be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling.

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Jack J. Bender

Jack J. Bender, 81, of Toledo, Ohio passed away on March 4, 1999 in Riverside Mercy Hospital.

He was born in Toledo on January 27, 1918 and worked for 43 years at the Standard Oil Company. Jack was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, Point Place Heritage Society, Lake Margrethe Association, and a past commodore of the Toledo Ice Yacht Club. Jack and his bride, Madeline, were married for 58 years.

Jack and his family have been associated with Lake Margrethe for over 58 years. His first experience with Lake Margrethe was renting a summer cottage at the Camp Margrethe resort. In 1958 he pulled a 29 foot trailer from Toledo and placed it on a permanent site at Camp Margrethe. Jack's children and grandchildren consider themselves very fortunate to have been a part of Grayling and the Camp Margrethe family from the time they were born. This year his great-grandchildren will enjoy the pleasures of summer that were so much a part of Jack's life. Many tales have been passed down through the years about the fishing, frogging, and turtle trapping that Jack so enjoyed. The setting for these tales was usually the annual fish fry that was held over the Labor Day weekend where a good deal of the fish taken for the lake were consumed amid laughter and friendship. Come June, the bluegills, sunfish and pike, especially those around Bender's Hole, will be looking for Jack and will miss the line he so expertly would throw out for their dining pleasure. His love for Grayling and Lake Margrethe has been passed on to his family, and it is a very rich legacy that can never be forgotten.

Jack was an avid fisherman, hunter and ice boater. He was a wonderful and loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather, who will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Florence Bender, and his brother, George Bender of Grayling.

Survivors include: his wife, Madeline; a son, John (Dianne) Bender of Coos Bay, Oregon; a daughter Mary (Gus) Beilstein of Toledo; sisters, Edith Simmers of Fairburn, Georgia and Rose(Charlie) Share of Creve Coeur, Missouri; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

"It seems that Grayling will never be the same... but if there are lakes in heaven, Dad will be fishing in the summer and ice boating in the winter."

Dale Pettengill

Dale Pettengill, 87, of Grayling, died April 2, 1999, at home in the loving care of his wife and family.

Mr. Pettengill was born on March 4, 1912 in Sunfield, Michigan, to Earl and Henrietta (Blossom) Pettengill. He was a longtime resident of Grayling, moving here 50 years ago from East Lansing. He received his degree in engineering from Michigan State University and was employed as an engineer with the U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior until retiring. He married his wife, Clara, on June 17, 1984, in Westland. Mr. Pettengill was a member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, a life-member of the Grayling Masonic Lodge 356, a member of VFW Chapter 3736, and a charter member of the Grayling Country Club.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary, in 1983; his sister, Norma Spalding, and his parents, Earl and Henrietta (Blossom) Pettengill.

Survivors include: his wife, Clara of Grayling; a son, Dale (Janice) Pettengill of Lansing; three daughters, Kay Ellen (J.C.) King of Grayling, Priscilla Pyle of Plainwell, Jane (Gary) Crawford of Blissfield; two stepsons, John (Katherine) Deere of Georgetown, Texas, Thomas (Janet) Deere of Auburn Hills; a stepdaughter, Helen (Robert) Cullin of Central Lake; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 5, 1999 at the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel with Reverend Jeffrey Jagers officiating. A Masonic Service was held immediately preceding the funeral service. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be directed either to Amicare, American Heart Association, or the American Cancer Society.

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Cindy J. Studer

Cindy J. Studer, 48, of Grayling, died March 30, 1999.

Mrs. Studer was born June 23, 1950 in Roseburg, Oregon, the daughter of the late Robert H. and Lola B. (Kelley) Nichols. She moved to Lake City in 1973 from Marcola, Oregon. She moved to Grayling in 1980. She married Lyle E. Studer on November 24, 1968 in Elmira, Oregon. She was a homemaker and member of the Abundant Life Tabernacle Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Steven Eric Studer and a brother Gary A. Nichols.

Survivors include: her husband, Lyle, one son, Lyle E. (Pam) Studer III, two daughters, Peggy (Mark) Cherven and Sara Studer all of Grayling; two brothers, Henry Nichols of Edgewood, Maryland, Dale Nichols of Kennewick, Washington; four sisters, Jennie Jarrett of Lakeside, Oregon, Sharon Smith of Riddle, Oregon, Joanne Bennett of Reedsport, Oregon and Dixie McElroy of Portland, Oregon; six grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held April 1, 1999, at the Abundant Life Tabernacle Church in Grayling, with her husband Pastor Lyle E. Studer, Jr. officiating. Burial will be in the Rock Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were made by the Orr Funeral Home in Mio.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from March 29 through April 5:

Two fire; two criminal sexual conduct; three burglary, three larceny; five property damage; one family/child; one escaped; ten public peace; one OUIL/OUID; three citations; nine health and public safety (including eight animal control); one conservation; three miscellaneous crimes; five minors; six accidents; one traffic safety; three false alarms, two fire; three hazardous conditions; two accident-other; two vehicle inspections; one civil/family trouble; nine suspicious situation; 26 general non-criminal.

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State or local control of concealed weapons permit?

by Robert A. Reed
Capital News Service

Lansing - Backers of a statewide proposal to bring uniformity to local gun boards believe all eligible applicants who want to carry a concealed handgun should be granted a concealed pistol permit.

But, Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely doesn't think that's a good idea.

Local control should remain, he said. "There needs to be knowledge of the applicant at the local level before a permit is issued."

Lovely says that personal knowledge is important because while people who have a history of mental problems should not be allowed to carry guns, there's no good way to check someone's mental health background.

"Criminal records checks are straightforward, but there is no way to check to see if someone has been judged mentally incompetent."

Previous attempts to make concealed-weapons permits easier to get failed, but with Republicans controlling the House, Senate and governor's office, pro-gun lawmakers thank now is the time to act.

Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Township, introduced a bill to eliminate the county gun boards that grant concealed-weapons permits and instead require the Secretary of State's office to issue permits to all qualified applicants.

Jaye said the Senate leadership backs his proposal. "This is one of the most fundamental agenda items. There is no other license in the state where there are no criteria and no appeal."

In the House, Rep. Michael Green, R-Mayville, said he's had to work to build consensus for the bill he intends to introduce after the Easter break. "Most of the gun groups want more than we can give them. Most of the police groups want less."

Green's bill would retain county gun boards but generally require them to grant a permit to any adult who can legally own a firearm and doesn't have a history of mental illness.

Boards could still deny a permit, but would have to provide a written reason. Rejected applicants could appeal the denial in court.

Under current state law, boards do not have to give a reason to deny granting a permit, and there is no provision for appeal.

Both bills would establish a mini-

mum training requirement for a permit. There is no such requirement now.

Those who want to change the law contend the crux of the problem is a lack of consistency among counties. Currently, each of Michigan's 83 counties has its own gun board composed of representatives of the county prosecutor, the sheriff and the State Police.

The boards use their own judgment to decide which applicants will receive permits and what, if any, restrictions will be placed on the permit. Applicants usually are asked to demonstrate a need to carry a weapon.

Typical restrictions include requirements that the gun only be carried when also carrying large sums of money for a job, or that the firearm may only be carried concealed for hunting or target shooting.

Opponents say the current system is arbitrary, unfair and easily corrupted. They point to the example of former Genesee County Sheriff Joe Wilson, who lost his job and was prosecuted for forging signatures and falsifying addresses on concealed-weapons permits.

Wilson used the phony information to grant permits to people who lived outside Genesee County. Last year he pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of willful neglect of duty and agreed to resign.

John Hurd of Owosso applied for an unrestricted permit from the Shiawassee County Gun Board, but got a permit restricted to hunting and target shooting. He believes that even if corruption isn't involved, the application process needs to be changed. "Retired police get their applications rubber-stamped. Anyone else doesn't have a chance. It needs to be fair for everyone."

Crawford County Commissioner Harold Golnick agrees that fairness is important. Golnick, who chairs the commission's law enforcement committee, said that even though he's worried about the effect of having more handguns on the street, the permit process should be consistent from county to county.

"I see a very good advantage of it being uniform. Wherever you go counties should ask the same questions and accept the same answers."

Ross Dykman is president of Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners (MCRGO), a Lansing-based pro-gun lobbying organization. Dykman said his group is

working with Green, and pro-gun groups on the issue and believes a bill will pass. "The bill has solid bipartisan support. It has wide margins of support in both the House and Senate."

Green said he's received enough support from other lawmakers for the bill to pass.

Gov. John Engler appears likely to sign the proposal if it reaches him.

"The governor doesn't have any philosophical arguments against making it easier to get a permit," said his press secretary, John Truscott. Engler would have to see the final version before making a definite decision, but "our goal is to get uniformity among the gun boards in issuing permits."

Truscott added that the governor would like to have agreement between gun groups and the law enforcement community.

However, among police, sheriffs and prosecutors, the jury is still out.

The top law enforcement official in the state, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, opposes the bills. Granholm believes communities should have a say over who can carry guns in their area, said her director of communications, Chris DeWitt.

"Each county has an identifiable representative on the gun board from their sheriff and prosecutor's office," DeWitt said. "If people don't like how the concealed weapons permits are issued in their respective counties, they have a way to change that at the ballot box."

Terrence Jungel, the executive director of the Michigan Sheriffs Association, said he's impressed by Green's willingness to work with law enforcement on the issue, but believes his members want to keep local control.

Jungel hopes any new law would restrict drinking while carrying a gun. "If you're going to pick up the beer, put down the gun. We see bullets and alcohol as a dangerous mix."

The association has not yet taken an official stand on the legislation.

The president of the Michigan State Police Troopers Association, Scott Reinacher, said he needs more information before knowing the union's final position, but expressed

concerns. "If there are more guns, that puts them in the hands of more people. More guns on the street, more guns in cars, and more guns laying around the home. It becomes an officer safety issue."

Henry Ruiz, the chief trial attorney for the Berrien County prosecutor's office, is on his local gun board. He like the mandatory training requirements of the new proposals, but worries that when the number of people carrying guns increases, so will the dangers. "When people are carrying guns, suddenly things become a little more serious. Situations that are not all that serious become escalated when guns are introduced."

Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga might disagree. Since 1995 his office and the sheriff's department have had a policy of voting to grant concealed-weapons permits to most applicants. He told a House committee last year that in two years there had been no evidence of an increased violence related to easier access to permits.

In his testimony, Marlinga said he based his policy decision on a section of the state Constitution: "Every person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state."

Don McClure of Traverse City agrees. He said he's been denied concealed-weapons permit three times by the Grand Traverse County Gun Board, even though he holds a permit issued in Florida. He said the board never gave a reason for any of the rejections.

Michigan recognizes out-of-state concealed-weapons permits for non-residents who visit the state, but doesn't allow Michigan residents to carry a gun under another state's authority.

McClure said he feels comfortable carrying a gun in Florida, and wants to do the same here. "Every person has a right to self defense. I couldn't get that right in Michigan. I have a spare tire, jack and a fire extinguisher in my car. I've never needed them, but you don't know, I might some day. Just like my gun. I've never needed it, and I may never need it, but you can't guarantee that I won't."

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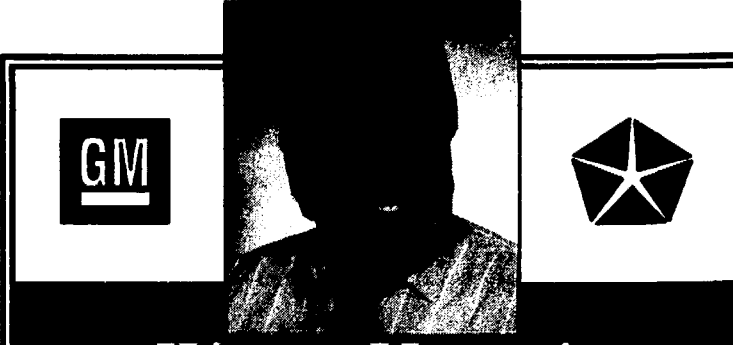
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Sentencings for March, 1999

Appearing before the Honorable John G. Hunter:

Darrell Wayne Earls, of Portland - Domestic Violence, of Portland - Eavesdropping (Install Device); placed on 21 months probation and fined \$1000.

Richard Jason Foster, of St. Clair Shores - Possession of a Controlled Substance; placed on six month probation and fined \$480.

Craig Lee Stewart of Grayling - Non-sufficient Funds under \$50; ordered to pay \$160.

Gary Lee Gugin of Grayling - Controlled Substance - Use of Marijuana; placed on six months probation and fined \$630.

Ricky James Carpenter of Mt. Morris - Larceny of \$100 or less; placed on one year probation and fined \$600.

Dale Edward Sturdivant of Grayling - License/Suspended, Revoked-2nd offense; placed on six months probation and fined \$480.

Kurt Stephen Fritcher of Grayling - Impaired Driving; placed on six months probation and fined \$680.

David Nicholas Cable Jr. of Grayling - Rented Property -

Attempted Failure to return under \$100; ordered to pay \$310.

Michael James Hetzner of Saginaw - Uncased bet in motor vehicle; placed on six months probation and fined \$120.

Nathan William Brody of Grayling - Controlled Substance Possession of Marijuana; placed on six months probation and fined \$780.

Jason Edward Sajdak of Frederic - Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property of \$200 - \$1000; placed on one year probation and fined \$600.

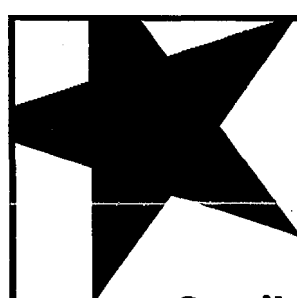
Richard J. Carter of Grayling - Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property of \$200 - \$1000; placed on one year probation and fined \$600.

Jamie Beth Lobsinger of Grayling - Drug/Alcohol Consumption-Minor on Premises; placed on 6 months probation and fined \$380.

Bonnie Sue Romain of Grayling - Larceny of \$100 or less; placed on one year probation and fined \$600.

Appearing before the Honorable Francis L. Walsh:

Frank Victor Mier of Grayling - Assault/Assault and Battery; placed on one year probation and fined \$500.



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Assembly of God Church makes symbolic walk



Photo by Tim Van Wallinghem

GOOD FRIDAY WALK - Members of the Assembly of God Church carried a cross from Elmwood Cemetery back to the church at 7 pm, Friday, April 2. "In memory of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ, we reenacted Christ carrying his own cross down to Calvary," said Dan Rich, church administrator. When Pastor Ron Voelker was asked if he would like to make a statement, he replied, "Our salvation cost Jesus Christ his life, have you accepted it?"

New state agency proposed to find missing children

by Robert A. Reed
Capital News Service

Lansing - John Temple hasn't seen his son in nine years. On April 22, 1990, then 17-year old Chris Temple vanished in a remote wooded area of Ingham County.

Temple believes his son is dead, but no body has been found. And the East Lansing father's experience makes him believe stronger laws are needed to help search for missing children.

Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, thinks his proposal to create an 11-member missing children's task force would help with the problem.

The task force would draw its members from state government, law enforcement and the public. It would review reasons why children disappear and recommend policy

and legislative changes to reduce the number of missing children.

Stille hopes such recommendations will lead to a permanent state agency devoted solely to the issue.

"There is no state wide organization or department that has as its sole mission finding missing children," Stille said. "The best chance of finding a missing child is in the first few hours, and if there were a single state recognized and funded agency to assist in the effort, they could get a jump on looking for the child."

Temple, who is president of an advocacy and support group called Missing Children's Network of Michigan, worries about the limited make-up of the task force.

"These people are all being chosen from the same pool," he said. "It's usually the general public who has

more experience personally with missing children."

Temple believes a more varied panel would have more success in coming up with ideas. He hopes to fill one of the two seats reserved for the public.

Todd Harcek, Stille's legislative aide, understands Temple's concerns and said the allocation of spots on the task force isn't final. "I don't think there's a magic number for the general public. It's not hard and fast."

No matter who sits on the task force, Temple wants it to address specific problems including exactly how the term "missing child" is defined.

"Right now when someone reaches the magical age of 18 they are out of the registry. They are no longer

counted as a missing child."

Other problems could be solved by reviewing current law enforcement policies, Temple said. "We'd like to see missing persons reports cross-referenced with found bodies. Individual jurisdictions are under no obligation to find out who that body is. Thousands of people are simply disposed of without any effort to find out who they are, or were."

While there are many reasons for child disappearances, including run-aways and parental abductions, Harcek said the ones that worry people the most involve strangers and sexual predators.

"Those strike at the very core of our society when they happen. We have to make sure laws are as good as possible to make sure our children are protected," he said.

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Local college student headed to Honduras

by Ian Van Walleghem
Staff Writer

Nineteen Alma college students are going to Honduras to assist in the clean-up of the destruction Hurricane Mitch left behind last fall.

The students will have the opportunity to accomplish their mission in May when they will work in Honduras for two weeks as members of Alma's "Understanding Relief Efforts" service-learning spring term course.

Hurricane Mitch was the Atlantic basin's strongest hurricane ever, with sustained winds of 180 mph on September 26-27, and the strongest in western Caribbean history since Gilbert in 1988.

Mitch stalled off the coast of Honduras late on October 27 until the evening of October 29, before slowly moving inland.

The hurricane's winds weakened slowly but continued to dump heavy rains on Central America resulting in mud slides and widespread flooding.

About 10,000 deaths were attributed to the storm by November 2. Mitch weakened to tropical storm status on November 3 after entering the warmer waters of the southern Gulf of Mexico.

Mitch then barreled into Florida early on November 5, before being downgraded to extra-tropical at 4 pm the same day.

Representatives from American Red Cross, United Way, Habitat for Humanity, and Community Cafe will assist the students during the first week of the course, held on Alma's campus.

Students will learn about relief efforts by non-profit organizations, dedicating 10 hours of service per student to a local organization.

The students will be in Honduras from May 9 to 21. They will work to rebuild homes, schools, and medical facilities that were ruined during the storm.

Students will assist medical relief

teams and possibly help in areas of agricultural support.

They will spend a week constructing a web site highlighting their experiences, after returning to campus.

Physical Plant director, Duane Knecht, and Professor of Spanish, Deborah Dougherty, will be leading the relief effort. Both believe the experience will be invaluable for the students.

"I believe that the experience will (help them see) the need for individuals to take responsibility for community concerns, both locally and globally," Dougherty said.

Knecht is the founder of Hands to Honduras, an Alma based not-for-profit organization addressing the humanitarian needs of people throughout Honduras. Through his numerous trips to Honduras and the assistance of volunteers, the organization has helped to channel over \$300,000 worth of aid to the citizens of Honduras.

"These experiences have been transforming for those participating while meeting deep needs among the Honduran people," he said.

Alma's students will be paying their own expenses, over \$1,000 each, to help in the mission. "I'm really excited to go down there. It's not every day you get to help people," said Sarah Amman, a junior from Grayling.

"I think it will be a life-changing experience," Amman added. "I like the idea of being in a Spanish speaking country because it's my minor."

Sarah's father, Chuck Amman, is also going along to Honduras as an adult leader/participant. "I am anxious to see the results of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras," said Chuck.

"When we're far away, we have no idea of the depth of tragedy in the area. Being from (Michigan), I need to see to understand the impact and to learn more about the people managing and coping with the disaster," he said.

KCC Criminal Justice Career Night

Police officer, prison guard, jail officer, conservation officer... these are some of the employment opportunities to be discussed when Kirtland Community College hosts a Criminal Justice Career Night on Wednesday, April 21, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Continuing Education Center on the Kirtland campus.

Admission Coordinator Dale Marie Losee and Criminal Justice Director Jerry W. Boerema will present information about the college and the various criminal justice degree options available.

Additional speakers will include Kirtland alumni, as well as state and

local officials in both law enforcement and corrections.

A question-and-answer period will follow, and guests will have an opportunity to meet with the speakers one-on-one.

College financial aid personnel will also be on hand to provide information on loans, grants and scholarships. The program will conclude at 9 p.m.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the Criminal Justice Office at (517) 275-5000, ext. 283 or the Admissions Coordinator at ext. 259.

Fedewa and Graham engaged



Cindy Fedewa and Don Graham II

Wade and Debbie Fedewa of Gaylord proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Cindy to Don Graham II of Lake City.

Don is the son of Don Graham I of Pinconning and Maureen Graham of Harrison.

A July 10, 1999 wedding is planned.

DEQ continues round of public hearings

The Department of Environmental Quality management team will continue its 1999 round of statewide public meetings with a session in Petoskey on April 26.

DEQ Director Russell Harding and his top staff are visiting communities throughout Michigan to share information and solicit comments regarding environmental matters. The Petoskey outreach session is in the North Central Michigan College Conference Center, 1515 Howard St.

The forum is divided into two parts. From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. the department's top decision-makers will be available for informal one-on-one discussions with interested residents. From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. the department will conduct a formal meeting at which residents can offer questions or comments to the entire DEQ management team.

"Successfully addressing today's environmental challenges demands an active, informed citizenry," Harding said. "We found that many of our greatest achievements come about when the public and

private sectors join forces. Government does not have all of the answers.

"That's why it is important for the DEQ management team to gauge the practical impacts of Michigan's environmental policies. And the best way is for us to get out into the communities and let residents express their views firsthand."

The department also has scheduled meetings for June 21 in Grand Rapids, September 20 in Houghton and October 18 in Port Huron. Specific locations will be announced.

This is just one of many ways the DEQ is reaching out to the public and regulated community. Harding pointed out that the department conducts informational forums and public hearings on specific issues throughout Michigan. It also publishes a calendar listing pending permit decisions, public meetings and hearings, and DEQ staff contacts.

The DEQ's popular Internet home page can be accessed at <http://www.deq.state.mi.us>. In addition, the DEQ maintains an ambitious outreach program through its Environmental Assistance Center, which is at 1-800-662-9278.

Card of Thanks

We thank all of our family and friends for their support, prayers, cards, and gifts during John's recent illness and surgery. Thanks also to Drs. Bill McNamara and Dave Dubriwny for their excellent care and concern. It is certainly wonderful to be a part of such a close knit community.

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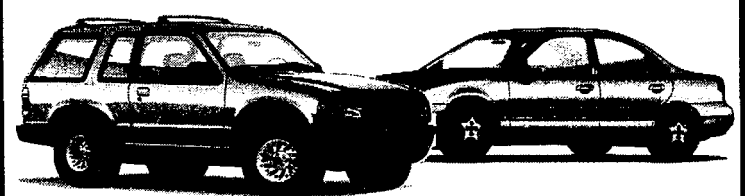
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Country stars to perform this summer

The Interlochen Arts Festival announced their eagerly awaited country line-up, part of the 1999 summer season.
 Variety best describes the Interlochen shows: top male star Dwight Yoakum, female singing sensation Faith Hill, and a country/bluegrass "dream team," starring Ricky Skaggs, the Del McCoury Band, and Junior Brown. All three evenings take place in open-air Kresge Auditorium.
 Summer ticket order forms will be available April 16.
 First, honkytonk man Dwight Yoakum heats things up at 8 p.m. Friday, June 25 in Kresge Auditorium, with special guest BR5-49.
 Yoakum brings his own unique style to old-style country, with such hits as *Little Sister*, *Fast As You*, *Ain't That Lonely Yet* and *Things Change*. The versatile country singer has also performed in such films as the Oscar-winning *Slingblade* and *The Newton Boys*. Ticket prices range from \$27.50 to \$42.50.
 Next, country golden girl Faith Hill will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 15 in Kresge. Her soulful, spirited string of hits include such #1 smashes as *Wild*

One, It Matters To Me and *This Kiss*. Hill recently received an impressive six Academy of Country Music nominations, the most by any artist this year. Ticket prices range from \$21.50 to \$36.50.
 Finally, it's a "Pickin' Party" when Ricky Skaggs, The Del McCoury Band and Junior Brown team up for some traditional country and bluegrass music at 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 17 in Kresge.
 Skaggs has a dozen #1 hits and four Grammys to his credit, including one for this year's album, *Bluegrass Rules!*
 The Del McCoury Band has been called "The First Family of Blue Grass Music," and no wonder. McCoury's been performing for over four decades and the band features two of his sons.
 Junior Brown is famed for his baritone drawl and an instrument of his own innovation, the "guit-steel." It features both guitar and steel guitar necks fused into one mighty instrument. Ticket prices range from \$17.50 to \$32.50.
 The entire summer season includes over 40 guest artists and will be announced Friday, April 16, with order forms available in that day's *Traverse City Record Eagle*.
 Forms may be mailed or faxed to

the Interlochen Box Office. Box office phones and windows open Monday, May 10. Also, the ticket counter at the Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau opens the same day.
 To get on Interlochen's mailing

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Interlochen Public Radio to broadcast Humankind series

Interlochen Public Radio will broadcast a special thirteen-part Public Radio International series entitled *Humankind: Profiles about the Power of the Human Spirit* on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. starting on April 11.
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GMS bands headed to state competition

by Ian Van Walleggem
Staff Writer

The 7th and 8th graders at Grayling Middle School (GMS) were both big winners at the district Band Festival on Saturday, March 6 at Elk Rapids. The two groups made it to the state level with A-1 ratings.

The 8th graders, classified C, played a B piece. The 7th graders, classified D, played a C piece. All bands were required to play one number from the "basic music list." Both grades will be competing at state level at the Gaylord High School on Saturday, May 1. Dennis Ormsbee, the band

leader said, "They jelled together as a group and made it a goal to do so well. Behavioral was super," he added.

Unfortunately, the U-Haul broke down on the way to Elk Rapids and the 7th graders had to play with borrowed equipment; they still won. The 8th graders were able to use their own equipment. "It was a team effort," said Ormsbee.

Their itinerary included three rooms: warm-up room, performance room (with three separate judges), sight reading room (two pieces they have never seen before with one judge).

GMS Students of the Month for March



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for March are: (in alphabetical order) Jess Bobenmoyer, Jesse CdeBaca, June Clark, Jessica DeMoines, Tom Earls, Shane Ferrell, Ryan Feutz, Jesse Gildner, Neck Henning, Ashley Longendyke, Christina Ly, Megan Madill, Jennifer Mathey, Kassie McClain, Ashley McMann, Cody Meyer, Tara Myers, Matt Nederhoed, Erik Olson, Samantha Palmer, Nikita Sartin, Richard Saxton, Kyle Seewald, Jim Sheldon, Rosa Sowulewski, Heather Stamper, Maggie Van Guilder, Jennifer Van Nuck, Sheryl Zarnich.

The perfect Prom dress may be at the auction

The Grayling High School Student Senate invites everyone to their Pre-Prom Dress Auction on April 20 at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

This is the first time an event like this has been held and the purpose is two-fold:

1) It will raise money to help fund trips to Poland for three-year old Emily Grosskopf so that she may receive rehabilitative therapy in her battle with cerebral palsy. Each trip costs \$10,000.

2) It is the perfect opportunity to purchase a formal dress, suitable for the Prom.

Dresses have been donated by local women, and will be available in all styles and sizes.

The dresses will be modeled by GHS students during the Pre-Prom auction.

A raffle will be held that evening with drawings for several items donated by local businesses.

Admission to the auction is \$2, but don't forget to bring money for that perfect prom dress.

Anyone with questions or those who wish to make a donation should leave a message at the GHS office for Maryann Sirrine or Mrs. Maureen Nowak at 348-7641.

GMS Forensic Team gets ready for State Tournament

The Grayling Middle School Forensic Team traveled to East Grand Rapids on March 27 to compete in the West Michigan Warm-Up Forensics Tournament.

The team came back with eight trophies – three First Place, two Second Place, and three Third Place.

In Prose, Eric Hunter captured First Place and Lexi Bondar Second Place.

In Informative, Laura Gorski earned Second Place and Greg

Morrill Third Place.

In Sales, Adam Herman took First Place.

In Impromptu, Charley McNamara was awarded First Place.

In Poetry, Jesse Van Slyke earned Third Place.

In Storytelling, Emily Harvey earned Third Place.

The team travels to the University of Michigan for State Tournament April 23 and 24.

Other members of the Forensic Team who will compete at the State Tournament are:

Storytelling – Andrew Voss, Naomi Cox;

Oratory – Samantha Collin;

Impromptu – Nate Mueller;

Duo – Jim Jansen and Jill Deville, Salley Jansen and Hayley Boardman, Sarah Davis and Ashlie Beemer;

Multiple – Chris Wakeley, Matt Strohpaal and Adam Kaiser.



SURPRISE VISIT – Third grade students at Frederic Elementary School were surprised by a visit from their pen pal, Marge Len. The students and Mrs. Len have been exchanging letters since last fall. She demonstrated the art of Ukrainian egg decorating and brought several eggs to show the class. The ostrich egg was a special favorite. Mrs. Len has supported and encouraged the students throughout the year with her letters and treats.

6th Grade Choir performs at Frederic Elementary



ENTERTAINERS – The 6th Grade Choir, under the direction of Karen Ross, performed *The Elephant Child* for the entire student body at Frederic Elementary School on March 25. The musical performance was enjoyed by all as the costumed 23-member choir sang their selections. Choir members shown are: (Front row) Rachel Strelchuk, Jamie Pinkelman, Rich Ryan, Gary Feeney, Dan Hagerman, DeeDee Galloway, Ashley Walker, Kelly Robbins, Cory Haberland; (Second row) Emily Duncley, Tracey Lewis, Becky Ramaswamy; (Third row) Heather Metzger, Rachel Brunell, Natalie Christman, Cassie King; (Back row) Kelly Rogers, Ellie Currison, Maggie Mahaney, Nick Terry, Jackie Wakeley, Rachael Pegouskie, Randy Bordeaux, Jack Hagerman.

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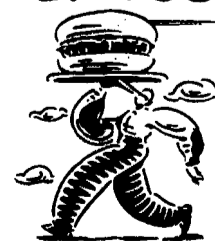
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Exchange student learns the American way of life

by Ian Van Wallegghem
Staff Writer

Grayling High School senior, Renat Ahmetov, a foreign exchange student, has been living with Charles and Kathy Armstrong since August, 1998. Renat is from Almaty, Kazakstan - a former Soviet state, bordering Russia in the north and China in the east.

Ahmetov's home town of Almaty has a population of 1.6 million people and the country of Kazakstan boasts 17 million people. Grayling was quite a change from big city life. "I came for cultural exchanges," said Ahmetov. "Study is more difficult there (in Almaty) and I learned more," he added. School days are shorter in Almaty and the grades only go up to tenth.

Usually exchange students are required to repeat a grade in their home countries. Ahmetov, however, is planning on graduating from Grayling High School in June, and then taking what amount to equivalency tests in his home town. In this way, he will be graduating twice.

Ahmetov enjoyed swimming and boxing in Kazakstan, which was not in connection to the school. He took physical education and played soccer in Grayling last autumn. "I like nature and lakes and fresh air (here) in Grayling," he said.

When asked what were his greatest accomplishments in Grayling, Ahmetov replied, "I improved my English skills and traveled."

Ahmetov camped in Sterling on the Rifle River, visited Chicago over Halloween weekend, and walked the Mackinac Bridge over Labor Day. He will be visiting Lansing over the week of April 14-16 for "Youth in Government," where students are allowed to act as legislators.

Following his graduation from Grayling High School, Ahmetov plans to move back to Almaty and attend the local university. "I would like to study finance," he said. "It is an interesting profession as it relates to working in banks and seeing how money is working," he added.

"I liked computer classes, social studies, and strength and condition (at Grayling)," said Ahmetov. Kathy Armstrong said, "he (Ahmetov) is typical to their own kids as far as likes and dislikes."

Ahmetov had mostly favorable comments regarding Grayling and the United States. He said, "the experience has helped him become more independent and to understand different types of people."



Photo by Ian Van Wallegghem

CULTURAL EXPERIENCE - Foreign exchange student Renat Ahmetov of Kazakstan, said he came to the United States for the cultural exchange and likes the nature, fresh air, and lakes in the Grayling area.

Dinner series visits China through film and buffet

The third program in the Command Performance Dinner Series, *China - The Middle Kingdom*, will be presented at the Grayling Holiday Inn's Evergreen Room on Thursday, April 15.

Jocelyn and Raphael Green will be presenting this new travelogue following a Chinese buffet dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

The Greens' film shows some of the tremendous changes that have taken place in the last decade, as China struggles to modernize.

Dinner Series patrons will see such Chinese sights as the Imperial Palace Museum, formerly the Forbidden City near Beijing's

Tiananmen Square. The museum contains the former dwellings of Chinese Emperors.

The film takes the viewer on a walk of the Great Wall and a five-day trip on the mighty Yangtze River, traversing through the majestic Three Gorges, between Wuhan and Chongqing. This area will soon change when the flood gates of the recently-built Three Gorges Dam are opened.

As a result of his diplomatic travels, Raphael was the first American to film a travelogue on the People's Republic of China since Mao Zedung came to power. He was also the first American to show a

travelogue in China - *Early America*.

Recently his educational film, *The Faces of China*, won a red ribbon award at the prestigious American Film and Video Festival.

Tickets for this show are \$16.50, which includes dinner, complete with beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Make reservations by calling 348-7641, ext. 120. Doors open to the Evergreen Room at 6 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. The Community Education Cultural Event Series is sponsored by area businesses and corporations, as well as the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.



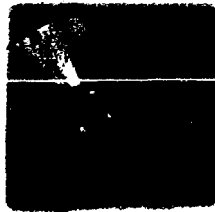
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Vikings to start '99 season on April 14, home opener is on 16th

Varsity Baseball Team prepares to start '99 season

The Grayling High School Varsity Baseball Team is set to open its 1999 season on Wednesday, April 14, when the Vikings will take on the Boyne City Ramblers at Boyne City.

Head Coach Fred Wolcott will be managing the team. This will be his 24th season with the Vikings. Coach Wolcott will field a team this year that has both experience and youth.

GHS lost only one starter from last year's squad, second baseman and pitcher Jerry Roman.

This year's pitching staff will include many strong arms, includ-

ing senior Josh Sheldon, senior Jeremy Millikin, junior Eli Tobin, junior Rusty Strohpaal, and junior Jeremiah Johnson.

Grayling's offense will be bolstered by the return of junior Jon Haskel, senior Chad Ellis, and Tobin, all of whom hit home runs last season.

The Vikes will open their season with an away game at Boyne City, and will play their home opener on Friday, April 16, against the Kalkaska Blazers. The first game of the doubleheader will start at 4:30 p.m.



Coach Fred Wolcott
Coach Wolcott is in his 24th season of managing the Vikings this year.



Steve Sherbert
Steve is a senior playing his first year of baseball. He has been playing first base and putting time in on the pitcher's mound.



Eli Tobin
Eli is a returning junior playing in his third year of varsity baseball. He can play several positions. Eli, a left-handed hitter, has high expectations for a fine season.



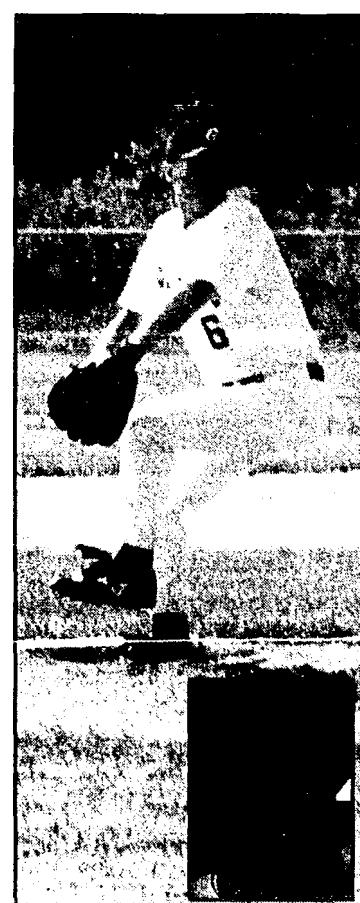
Ray Trudgeon
Ray is expected to be an outstanding defensive third baseman in '99. Ray is a junior returning to varsity ball after a fine '98 JV season both defensively and offensively.



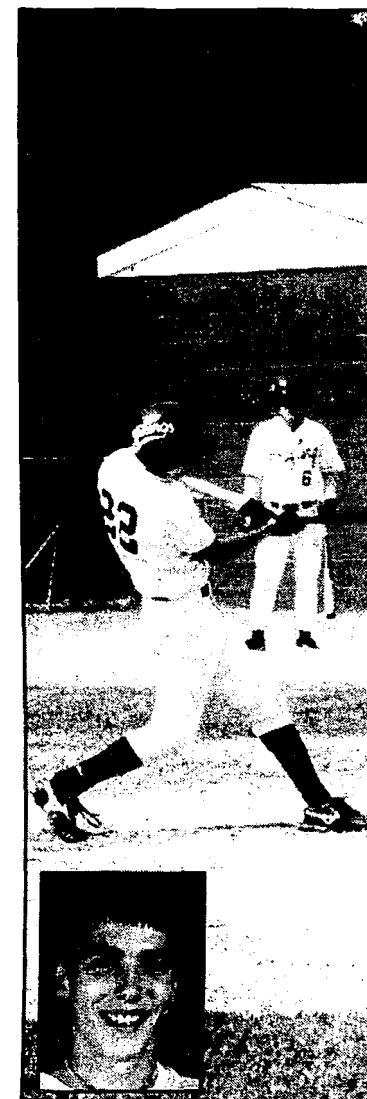
Jon Haskel
Jon, a junior, is a good all-around ballplayer, solid at several positions. He has a good head for the game, and the team will expect a lot out of him this season.



Jeremiah Johnson
Jeremiah, a junior, is a first year player at Grayling High School in '99. He is expected to be a starting pitcher, a shortstop, and possibly an outfielder.



Josh Sheldon
Josh is a returning senior starting pitcher and leftfielder. He will be one of the team's top starting pitchers and will battle for one of the outfield positions. The team needs solid pitching from Josh.



Jeremy Millikin
Jeremy is a returning senior who is coming off an injury-riddled junior year. Jeremy can play just about anywhere, and is expected to compete for a starting job.



Mike Ketchum
Mike is a junior catcher who did a fine job last year as a JV player. Mike is a solid hitter and could also play some outfield. He might also see action as a relief pitcher.



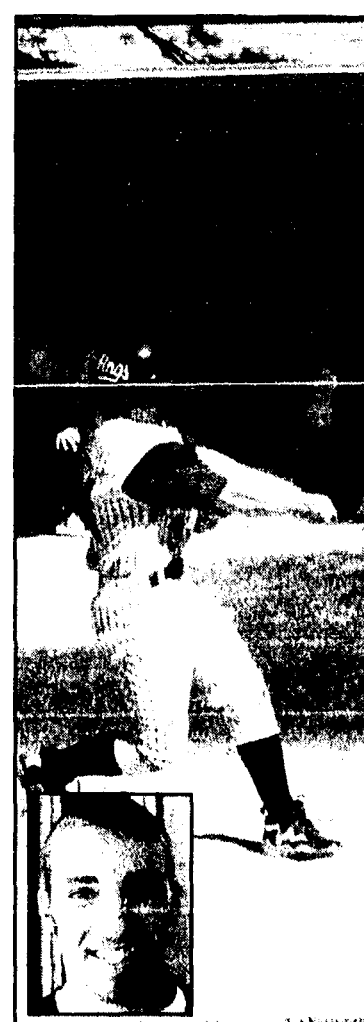
Chad Ellis
Chad is a good defensive outfielder, and should contribute a lot to this year's team. He is expected to be a much improved hitter this year, and as a returning letterman will anchor the outfield defense.



Rusty Strohpaal
Rusty, a returning junior, is the team's starting first baseman and one of the starting pitchers. This lefty is expected to have a good season in '99.



Jeremy Latuszek
Jeremy, a returning junior catcher, should be much improved both offensively and defensively. Maturity should make him a major contributor this coming season.



Travis Huber
Travis is a returning senior letterman who played several positions during the '98 season, and is expected to contribute as a utility player again in '99.

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Cheerleaders finish season with awards presentation

The Grayling High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleading teams wrapped up their 1998-99 seasons on Thursday, March 25, with awards presentations at the GHS basketball banquet.

The following honors were announced for the JV cheer squad by Coach Gail Belcher:

Spirit Award -- Michelle Stepp;

Coaches Award -- Joyce Thomas.

Varsity Cheerleading honors included the Coaches Award, which went to Tasha Carlisle, and four Lifetime Achievement Awards, which were bestowed to all the senior squad members: Jessica Becks, Heidie Wallace, Tiffany Craigie, and Shannon Anglebrandt.

The varsity team was coached by Chris Burrell.



END-OF-SEASON SPEECH -- GHS Varsity Cheerleader Jamie Anderson takes the podium to say a few words at the annual basketball awards banquet.

Photos by Linda Goinick



AWARDS PRESENTATION -- Varsity Cheerleading coach Chris Burrell presents awards to members of her '98-99 cheer squad.



SPECIAL SHIRT -- JV cheer coach Gail Belcher displays her special "98-99 JV squad" T-shirt, which has a picture of the team on the front.

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LEGAL ACTION

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE

Date: Monday, April 12, 1999
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 1998 Audit Review
Location: Crawford County Court House
200 W. Michigan Avenue
Grayling, Michigan

The 2:00 p.m. scheduled Committee Meetings will follow the Audit Review.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk
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Bids will be opened at Regular Board Meeting, April 13, 1999, 7:00 p.m.

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MEN'S SOFTBALL

The GRA Men's Softball League will hold an organizational meeting on Monday, April 26, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Hanson Hills. All players and coaches are encouraged to attend.

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Order to Answer

File No. 99-025-LT
Jerry M Kraycs and Sheila Kraycs, husband and wife, Plaintiffs
v
R. David Crocker and Kathy R. Crocker, husband and wife, Defendants.

TO: R. David Crocker and Kathy R. Crocker:

1. An action has been filed against you regarding certain real estate in Crawford County.

2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall file your answer with this Court and serve it upon the attorney for the Plaintiffs, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within twenty-eight (28) days of the last publication of this order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order by published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Crawford County, Michigan, the county in which certain real estate in this action is located.

Honorable John G. Hunter
District Court Judge
Dated: March 23, 1999

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Assignee of Mortgage

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

**ESTATE OF DONALD V. GROSS, DECEASED
BY CHERYL M. ROTH, INDEPENDENT PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, PLAINTIFF
VS
JANET YARGER and CAROL HOBART, File No. 99 0007 CK**

**ORDER TO ANSWER
TO: JANET YARGER, DEFENDANT**

YOU ARE BEING SUED by the Plaintiff in this Court regarding a Complaint to Quiet Title. You must file your Answer or take other action permitted by law in the Probate Court at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 on or before April 28, 1999. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Date: March 24, 1999
David R. Sabin, P19822
Attorney for Plaintiff
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588

-1-8-15

STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Order for Alternative Service

File No. 99-4768-CH(M)
Daniel K. VanMaele, Plaintiff
vs
Michael R. Dodyk, Defendant.

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 22 day of March, 1999.

PRESENT: HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY/CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

THE COURT having considered the Plaintiff's Motion for Alternative Service, and being persuaded of the necessity for Alternative Service, **NOW THEREFORE,**

IT IS ORDERED THAT the Defendant in this matter, **MICHAEL R. DODYK**, is hereby to be served by way of posting upon the property located within Crawford County, Michigan and by Notice through publication in the Crawford County Avalanche. Said publication shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks directing the Defendants as follows:

TO THE DEFENDANT, MICHAEL R. DODYK:

1. You are being sued under a **COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE** within the County of Crawford, State of Michigan;

2. THAT an ANSWER needs to be filed within 28 days at the Crawford County Circuit Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, 49738, or other action permitted by law or court rules must be taken.

3. THAT a failure to ANSWER or to take other action will result in a default and default judgment being enforced against the Defendant, **MICHAEL R. DODYK**.

HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

TERRENCE H. BLOOMQUIST P 10903
BLOOMQUIST & ASSOCIATES
Attorney for Plaintiffs
306 State St. P.O. Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-6141

-8-15-22

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Louise E. Herrick, a single woman (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, f/k/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 5, 1992, and recorded on June 10, 1992 in Liber 343, on Page 217, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR AND 14/100 dollars (\$41,844.14), including interest at 8.125% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 06/05 each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on April 28, 1999.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4, East Branch Estates, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 08, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 18, 1999
For information, please call:
(248) 593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Citizens Bank
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990202252
Ravens

-18-25-1-8-15

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark E. Easterle, and Anissa Ann Easterle, his wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, A Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 15, 1997, and recorded on December 16, 1997 in Liber 437, on Page 357, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN AND 85/100 dollars (\$67,267.85), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said

mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on April 28, 1999.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 6, Harbor Beach, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 42 & 43, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 18, 1999
For information, please call:
(248) 593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Citizens Bank
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990202235
Ravens

-18-25-1-8-15

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has occurred in a mortgage made by MARK COSSARINI and MIMI COSSARINI, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, f/k/a First National Bank of Michigan, dated May 19, 1998 and recorded on May 21, 1998, in Liber 454, Page 150, Crawford County Records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$15,105.28.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, April 28, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 14.95 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is described in the mortgage as:

The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, excepting 33 feet off the West side for road purposes.

The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale.

Dated: March 15, 1999
Joseph B. Backus
Attorney for Mortgage Holder
P.O. Box 794
East Lansing, MI 48826
(517) 337-1617

-25-1-8-15

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the
8th day of March, 1999
Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Stevens, Golnick, Ruddy, Brown, Palmer.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Dan Elliott, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Terry McGregor, Dave Stephenson, Ann Stephenson, Jamie Greer, Paula Edlund, Dennis Palmer, Dave Wyman, Terry Dickinson, Jim Golden, Deb Golden, Skylyn Palmer, Lynn McConnell, Carolyn DiPonio, Tina Hamilton, Fay Bovee, Bob Bovee, Cheryl Millikin, Kathy Bourrie, Jim Briney, Caleb Casey, Bill Gannon, Monte Burmeister, Joe Swain, Terry Wright, Betty Bennett, Ernie Dawson, Nancy Carlisle, Linda Stephens, Steve Southard.

99-22

Moved by Golnick, support by Ruddy that

the minutes of the meeting of February 22, 1999 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 (Palmer), Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.

Communications were received and noted.

None.

Old Business.

a. Dan Elliott, Director of the Evert (DDA) Downtown Development Authority was present to discuss the DDA formation process for Grayling. Mr. Elliott spoke to Council and the audience regarding the pros and cons of a DDA, what is needed to start a DDA and what is involved in the operations and development of the objective for a DDA. He stated that successful use of a DDA is a long term process and that plans for a DDA should include projects over a 30 year period in order to develop the funding needed for success.

Mr. Dickinson asked questions about various items.

Mayor Stevens commented on some of his ideas.

Mr. Elliott explained what needs to be done first and noted that objectives and boundaries need to be set and then adopted after a Public Hearing.

Mr. Briney spoke to Council and Mr. Elliott stated he was adamant that the Public Hearing should be set for April 26, 1999.

Mr. Elliott had each Council Member and members of the audience give a short idea of what they would like to see in a DDA.

Mr. Dickinson stated that he didn't know quite how to present it 10 years ago, that there were poor communications between Council and the Downtown Merchants. No format was developed and that the idea was never pursued.

Council agreed to schedule a Special Meeting on March 15, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. to attempt to work out some goals and objectives and district boundaries for a possible DDA area. Hopefully the public and city officials can come up with a proposal to detail for the Public Hearing.

99-23

Moved by Palmer, supported by Brown that Council set Monday, April 26, 1999 for a Public Hearing for DDA and that the City Manager invite Mr. John Czarnecki of the Michigan Department of Commerce to the Hearing.

Ayes: Palmer, Brown, Ruddy.
Nays: Golnick, Stevens.
Absent: None.

New Business.

a. Recognition of GPA by the City as a non-profit group.

99-24

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens to approve the request from the Grayling Promotional Association that they be recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the community. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried.

b. Request of Crawford County for city funding of 4-H.

99-25

Moved by Ruddy, supported by Palmer that the city not participate in funding for 4-H as requested by the county. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Brown), Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak. NOne.

Reports of City Manager.

a. New sheet for week-end call of DPW was distributed.

b. Legislative Bulletins from M.M.L. for March 2, 1999.

c. Bid Opening for 1999 Sidewalk Program was held on March 5, 1999 and apparent low bidder was Hunt Bros. Poured Walls Inc. The City Engineer and City Manager will present bids for formal approval on March 29, 1999.

d. City of Grayling will receive approximately \$3000 from FEMA for snow storm overtime on January 2 and January 3, 1999.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Ruddy asked if a new police officer had been hired. Mr. Morford noted that Alan Somero has begun working for the City as the new officer.

b. Ms. Palmer asked if the background check on the new patrolman was better than it was on the last police officer hired. Mr. Morford stated that the Police Chief and City Manager are very thorough on such matters.

c. Mr. Golnick thanked the audience for coming to the meeting tonight.

Adjournment.

99-26

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF BOARD POSITION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for a position on the County Housing and Rehabilitation Commission. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest in the housing stock for Crawford County and participate in the many decisions which take place at monthly meetings. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore no later than April 9, 1999 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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USDA - FOREST SERVICE HURON - MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS MIO RANGER DISTRICT

Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda Counties, Michigan
District Ranger Loren Ford has signed the Decision Memo for wildlife and fisheries activities during the next five years on the Mio Ranger District of the Huron-Manistee National Forests. Activities include: surveying a lake, managing fish habitat, excavating sediment basins in trout streams, installing wood duck nest boxes, planting, seeding, and mowing for wildlife, constructing water holes, creating and improving upland openings, creating snags and down woody debris, closing roads, cleaning up trash, rehabilitating a gravel pit, and prescribed burning. These actions will help to maintain healthy and productive ecosystems, maintain diversity of vegetation types, and enhance fish and wildlife habitats. These actions will move the ecosystems in the district toward the desired conditions set forth in the Huron-Manistee Land and Resource Management Plan. Maps and details of these actions are available for review at the Mio Ranger Station. For further information please contact Joe Gomola at U.S.D.A. Forest Service, 401 Court Street, Mio MI 48647. Submit comments and questions to Joe Gomola at the above address or call him at 517-826-3252.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Road Commission for Crawford County
C.R. 612 Over N. Branch AuSable River
Bridge Rail and Approach Guardrail Repairs

Crawford County
Grayling, Michigan

The Road Commission for Crawford County will accept sealed bids at the Road Commissions offices, 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, until 10 A.M. local time, April 29, 1999 for bridge rail and guardrail construction services.

The project consists of removal and replacement of 100 LFT of Bridge Railing, Guardrail Type; removal and replacement of 4 ea. Guardrail Anchorage-Bridge, Nested Type; removal and replacement of 150 LFT of Galvanized Beam Guardrail, Type B; removal and replacement of 4 ea. Guardrail Approach Terminals; and installation of 28 reflectorized washers.

The instructions to bidders and the drawings and specifications may be examined at the office of the Road Commission for Crawford County, and also at the office of the engineer, Northwest Designed Group, Inc., 480 West Mitchell, Petoskey, Michigan, 49770, (616)348-1180. Bidding documents may be purchased from the engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$15.00 per set.

Bids must be made upon the appropriate bidding forms. All bids must be plainly marked as to their content. A five percent (5.0%) bid security must accompany each bid.

No bid may be withdrawn for 30 days after the bid opening date.

The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids and make awards in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

Road Commission for Crawford County
Donald Babcock, Managing Director

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 29, 1999, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following material:

23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following locations on or before June 25, 1999:

10,000 ton @ Kolka Creek Gravel Pit: T28N, R4W, N1/2 of Section 15, Frederic Township.

20,000 ton @ Lovells Pit: T28N, R2W, W 1/2, of Section 24, Lovells Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "23A Gravel Bid".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Ray Swiercz, Chairman
Bob Nelson, Vice-Chairman
William Gannon, Commissioner

-8-15-22

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Aggregates - F.O.B. Supplies Pit
Corrugated Plastic Pipe
Corrugated Metal Pipe
Hot Mix & Cold Patch Asphalt
Pavement Striping

All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as to the contents.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

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Sylvester's Sports
McLean's Ace Hardware
DuBois Lumber Co.
Fick & Sons
Super 8 Motel
Charlie's Country Corner
Arby's
Wendy's of Grayling
Chemical Bank
Milltown Marine
Holiday Inn
Moore's Automotive
JC Penney
Comfort Center
Tee's n' Such
Grayling Ford Lincoln Mercury
CellularOne

Empire Bank	Goodale's			
Grayling Insurance Agency	Blockbuster	American Legion	Albie's	Upper
Crawford County Abstract	AJD Forest Products	Aquarama Motel	Friends & Co. Coffee House	
A Cut Above	Heads Up North	Hard Bodyz	Grayling Glass	O/P

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1999 SPRING SP

Grayling Vikings Girls Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Tuesday	April 13, 1999	Bay City John Glenn	H	4:00	
Wednesday	April 14, 1999	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	A	5:00	2:00
Friday	April 16, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Hieghts	H	5:00	
Monday	April 19, 1999	Tawas	H	5:00	
Wednesday	April 21, 1999	Oscoda	H	5:00	
Friday	April 23, 1999	Roscommon	A	5:00	2:30
Monday	April 26, 1999	Pinconning	A	5:00	2:30
Wednesday	April 28, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	5:00	2:45
Thursday	April 29, 1999	Standish Sterling	H	5:00	
Wednesday	May 5, 1999	Bay City John Glenn	A	4:00	1:15
Monday	May 10, 1999	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	H	5:00	
Wednesday	May 12, 1999	Tawas	A	5:00	2:00
Friday	May 14, 1999	Houghton Lake	H	5:00	
Monday	May 17, 1999	Oscoda	A	5:00	2:00
Wednesday	May 19, 1999	Pinconning	H	5:00	
Monday	May 24, 1999	Districts	TBA	TBA	

Grayling Vikings Varsity Track

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Thursday	April 15, 1999	Roscommon & Charlevoix	H	4:00	
Monday	April 19, 1999	Harrison	A	3:00	12:45
Wednesday	April 21, 1999	Saginaw Valley Lutheran & Standish Sterling	H	4:00	
Wednesday	April 28, 1999	Pinconning & Gladwin	A	4:00	1:45
Friday	April 30, 1999	Clare Invitational	A	3:30	1:15
Wednesday	May 5, 1999	Oscoda & Bay City John Glenn	A	4:00	1:15
Wednesday	May 12, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Heights & Tawas	A	4:00	1:30
Saturday	May 15, 1999	Houghton Lake Invitational	A	9:30	8:00
Monday	May 17, 1999	East Jordan Invitational	A	4:00	2:00
Saturday	May 22, 1999	Regionals	TBA	8:00	TBA
Tuesday	May 25, 1999	NEMC Conference Meet	H	3:00	
Friday	May 28, 1999	Bay City Times Invitational	A	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	June 1, 1999	Charlevoix Meet of Champions	A	5:00	3:00

* Underline denotes site of away game

Grayling Vikings Junior Varsity Softball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Wednesday	April 14, 1999	Boyer City	H	4:00	
Friday	April 16, 1999	Kalkaska	A	4:30	3:00
Monday	April 19, 1999	Roscommon	H	4:00	
Tuesday	April 20, 1999	Gaylord	H	4:15	
Friday	April 23, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	4:00	2:15
Monday	April 26, 1999	Houghton Lake	H	4:00	
Tuesday	April 27, 1999	Gladwin	H	4:00	
Friday	April 30, 1999	Tawas	A	4:00	2:00
Monday	May 3, 1999	Gaylord	A	4:15	3:00
Tuesday	May 4, 1999	Pinconning	H	4:00	
Tuesday	May 11, 1999	Oscoda	A	4:00	1:15
Friday	May 14, 1999	Bay City John Glenn	H	4:00	
Tuesday	May 18, 1999	Standish Sterling	A	4:00	2:00
Friday	May 21, 1999	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	H	4:00	
Monday	May 24, 1999	Lake City	A	4:30	3:00

Day	Date
Wednesday	April 14, 1999
Friday	April 16, 1999
Monday	April 19, 1999
Tuesday	April 20, 1999
Friday	April 23, 1999
Monday	April 26, 1999
Tuesday	April 27, 1999
Friday	April 30, 1999
Monday	May 3, 1999
Tuesday	May 4, 1999
Tuesday	May 11, 1999
Friday	May 14, 1999
Tuesday	May 18, 1999
Friday	May 21, 1999
Monday	May 24, 1999
Tuesday	June 1, 1999
Saturday	June 5, 1999

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CALENDAR

Grayling Vikings Boys Tennis

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Wednesday	April 14, 1999	Harbor Springs	H	4:00	
Thursday	April 15, 1999	Charlevoix	H	4:00	
Monday	April 19, 1999	Boyne City	A	4:00	2:15
Wednesday	April 21, 1999	Petoskey	H	4:00	
Thursday	April 22, 1999	Traverse City St. Francis	A	4:00	2:15
Monday	April 26, 1999	Bay City John Glenn	A	4:00	1:45
Wednesday	April 28, 1999	Elk Rapids	H	4:00	
Monday	May 3, 1999	Harbor Springs	A	4:00	1:30
Wednesday	May 5, 1999	Charlevoix	A	4:00	2:00
Friday	May 7, 1999	Boyne Mountain Invitational	A	9:00	7:30
Tuesday	May 11, 1999	Traverse City West	A	4:00	2:15
Saturday	May 15, 1999	Cadillac Tournament	A	9:00	7:00
Monday	May 17, 1999	Whitemore Prescott	H	4:00	
Friday	May 21, 1999	Regionals	A	TBA	

Grayling Vikings Varsity Baseball

Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Boyne City	A	4:00	2:00
Kalkaska	H	4:30	
Roscommon	A	4:00	2:45
Gaylord	A	4:15	3:00
West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	4:00	
Houghton Lake	A	4:00	2:30
Gladwin	A	4:00	1:45
Tawas	H	4:00	
Gaylord	H	4:15	
Pinconning	A	4:00	1:45
Oscoda	H	4:00	
Bay City John Glenn	A	4:00	1:30
Standish Sterling	H	4:00	
Saginaw Valley Lutheran	A	4:00	1:45
Lake City	H	4:30	
Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA
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Regionals	TBA	TBA	TBA

Grayling Vikings Junior Varsity Baseball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Wednesday	April 14, 1999	Boyne City	H	4:00	
Friday	April 16, 1999	Kalkaska	A	4:30	3:00
Monday	April 19, 1999	Roscommon	H	4:00	
Tuesday	April 20, 1999	Gaylord	H	4:15	
Friday	April 23, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	4:00	2:15
Monday	April 26, 1999	Houghton Lake	H	4:00	
Tuesday	April 27, 1999	Gladwin	H	4:00	
Friday	April 30, 1999	Tawas	A	4:00	2:00
Monday	May 3, 1999	Gaylord	A	4:15	3:00
Tuesday	May 4, 1999	Pinconning	H	4:00	
Tuesday	May 11, 1999	Oscoda	A	4:00	1:15
Friday	May 14, 1999	Bay City John Glenn	H	4:00	
Tuesday	May 18, 1999	Standish Sterling	A	4:00	2:00
Friday	May 21, 1999	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	H	4:00	
Monday	May 24, 1999	Lake City	A	4:30	3:00

Grayling Vikings Varsity Softball

Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Boyne City	A	4:00	2:00
Kalkaska	H	4:30	
Roscommon	A	4:00	2:45
Gaylord	A	4:15	3:00
West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	4:00	
Houghton Lake	A	4:00	2:30
Gladwin	A	4:00	1:45
Tawas	H	4:00	
Gaylord	H	4:15	
Pinconning	A	4:00	1:45
Oscoda	H	4:00	
Bay City John Glenn	A	4:00	1:30
Standish Sterling	H	4:00	
Saginaw Valley Lutheran	A	4:00	1:15
Lake City	H	4:30	
Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA
Districts Finals	TBA	TBA	TBA

Grayling Vikings Girls Golf

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Monday	April 19, 1999	Petoskey	H	4:00	
Thursday	April 22, 1999	Alpena	H	4:00	
Monday	April 26, 1999	Newberry	H	4:00	
Thursday	April 29, 1999	Traverse City West	H	4:00	
Monday	May 3, 1999	Bay City John Glenn	H	4:00	
Tuesday	May 4, 1999	Alpena	A	4:00	1:30
Thursday	May 6, 1999	Newberry	A	4:00	1:45
Monday	May 10, 1999	Bay City John Glenn	A	4:00	1:45
Thursday	May 13, 1999	Petoskey Invitational Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	May 18, 1999	Petoskey	A	4:00	1:45
Friday	May 21, 1999	Regionals	A	TBA	TBA

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Company

Rialto

Diane's Car Wash

Crawford County
Avalanche

Bronco Amoco

Riverland Gear,
Photo & Drycleaning

BC Pizza

Grayling Youth
Booster Club

Bloomquist &
Associates

Citizens Bank

Grayling
Entertainment

Jack Millikin, Inc.

Jansen's The
Service Store

JJ's Motor Mall

Glen's

Grayling Family
Dentistry

Jansen Insurance

Showtyme
Collision

Bicycle Shop

Upper Lakes Tire

Abel Auto Parts

Old Kent

Pizza Hut

Milltown Motors

Sawmill

Cornell Real Estate
& Insurance

Superior Janitorial
Services

Mickey Perez

Buccilli's

Ole Dam Rd.
Party Store

Burger King

Grayling Big Boy
Restaurant

Ernie's Flea
Market

Flowers By Josie

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of April 11-17

ARIES March 21-April 20

Your schedule this week is going to be really busy. Try to keep your calendar close at hand so you don't miss an important occasion. Don't forget your promise to family members. They are counting on your help and support.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

Be as productive as possible and set a good example for coworkers. Finish a project that has been lingering before you move on to the next major project. In the near future, expect an old friend to contact you. They will need your support.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

Are distractions interrupting you? Maybe you should step away from them so you can concentrate and get things done. Even though you have some cumbersome projects to finish at home, it should turn out to be a great weekend.

CANCER June 22-July 22

It would be very beneficial to you and your peace of mind if you find ways to cut some of the demands on your time. Think about some changes in your personal goals; that might be a big help to you and make you feel more fulfilled.

LEO July 23-August 23

A tough week at home is not an excuse to be such a grouch at work. Leave your family problems at home. Your coworkers will really appreciate it, and everyone will start working together better. A change of attitude can be a boost to morale and productivity.

VIRGO August 24-September 22

Is there something you have found that you don't like about yourself? Maybe it's time to do something about it. Changes can't happen overnight, but you can make an effort. Take a break from the everyday routine and celebrate spring.

LIBRA September 23-October 23

You have a lot going on this week. Get it out of the way so you can enjoy a special weekend. Avoid risk for a while. Don't get into any risky investments, and it would be best for you to stay away from gambling or playing the lottery.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

This is the week to be more assertive when trying to push your pet idea or project. Don't let a coworker's opinion get you down. It's likely he/she is envious of your great idea. Hold your tongue when it comes to a neighbor.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

What an exciting week. But don't let an argument with a close friend ruin it for you. Go ahead and bask in the glory! You deserve it with all the hard work you've been doing lately. Don't forget the special occasion ahead for a relative.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

You do this every year. And once again, you have waited until the last minute to do your taxes. It's time you changed the way you handle your taxes and get them done before the last minute. Avoid idle gossip going around at work.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

Before you go through with your activities this evening, remember that it's almost April 15, and your taxes are due. Make sure all your records are in order and your tax forms are completed before you get involved with something else.

PISCES February 19-March 20

Conservative is your key word this week. Be conservative in your ideas and actions at work. Off-the-wall will not impress superiors who are set in their ways. A professional attitude and demeanor will take you far. Be careful how you deal with money, too. A "sure thing" might not be so "sure."

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

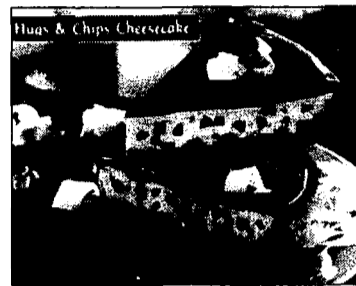
HUGS & CHIPS CHEESECAKE

2 (3 oz.) packages of cream cheese
1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 cup mini chocolate chips
1 tsp. flour
1 (6 oz.) ready-made chocolate pie crust
chocolate glaze
chocolate curls (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°. With mixer, beat cheese until fluffy; gradually beat in condensed milk until smooth. Add egg

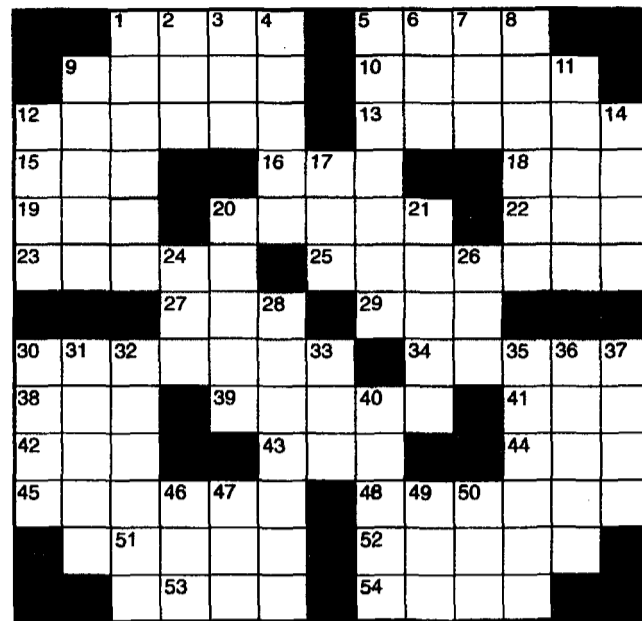
and vanilla; mix well. Toss chips and flour; stir into cheese mixture. Pour into crust. Bake 35 min. or until center springs back when lightly touched. Cool and top with glaze and curls. Serve chilled. Refrigerate leftovers.

Chocolate Glaze: Melt 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips with 1/4 cup whipping cream; cook and stir until thickened & smooth. Immediately spread over pie.



HOME NEEDED - Ebony is a female lab mix. Lots of personality, housebroken. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Emoting opportunity
- Lost, as a lead
- Edgy, slangily
- Spanish melodies
- Predestine
- String of pearls
- Hawaiian staple
- "... not what..."
- Oversized tart
- Stopover location
- Lauder of cosmetics
- "... To A Nightingale"
- Spurred (on)
- Brought into harmony
- Toothpullers' gp.
- Yat-sen
- Refusing to let in
- Prescribed doctrine
- Attorneys' org.
- Bonaparte, in Elba
- Maze marathoner
- Still
- Once... lifetime (2 wds.)
- Mamie's man
- Suffocate
- Pad
- Snub
- Promotes
- Actress Erin
- Energetic

DOWN

- Teasing harshly
- Mouths
- Aloha wreath
- Ferber and Purviance
- Wicker items
- Pierre's bed
- Be incorrect
- Combat instrument
- "Sorry, ... Number"
- Like Paul Lynde's humor
- Mayberry lad
- Property title
- R.R. depot
- Cantor or Fisher
- Piano exercise
- Shucked item
- Numero ...
- Disquietude
- Prolonged howls
- Becomes an accomplice
- Appraising
- Whitney invention
- Like sandpaper
- Fabricates
- Egyptian god
- Wears well
- ... Pete's sake!
- Mauna ...
- Alley of the comics
- Parka's hood trim

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago April 8, 1976

Bear Archery announced its new Whitetail Hunter, a low cost compound bow.

Michigan's new Right-Turn-on-Red Law went into effect last week. The new law is intended to decrease gasoline consumption and result in smoother traffic flow.

Navy Seaman Recruit Richard A. Wakeley is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence and recently participated in Fleet Exercise "National Week XX".

In Lovells, Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Nichols had the Card Party Saturday evening. Prizes were won by Marie Duby, Betty McGowan, Jack Kearney, Bill McGowan, Vi Stafford and John Duby.

Steven Funck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Funck, a recent graduate of Michigan Tech has returned to Grayling until September when he will return to Tech to work on an advanced degree. Until then he will be employed in Grayling.

Tom Crawford, a former Graylingite, has returned here to make his home, coming back from Portland, Oregon.

A Recognition Luncheon was held at the Senior Citizens Center honoring Friendly Visitors. This is a program of volunteers calling on lonely people on a one to one basis. Friendly Visitors in Crawford County volunteer approximately 225 hours per month.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Jansen spent two weeks visiting their daughter and her husband. Lt. and Mrs. David Hoag in Puerto Rico where David is stationed with the U.S. Navy. While there they visited St. Thomas, St. Croix and the San Juan castle.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. David Hanson and son Curt, returned Monday after a week at West Point, where they were guests during plebe week.

Their son Mark, is finishing up his first year at the U.S. Military Academy and Plebe Week is held to help familiarize the parent with the academy.

Dr. and Mrs. James Hough of Grayling announce the arrival of a son, Ronald James, on April 3.

Eugenia Sloan, R.N., nurse for the Crawford AuSable schools attended a conference in Bay City. The conference dealt with the interaction between school nurses and health agencies.

46 Years Ago April 9, 1953

Miss Mary Barber of Pontiac visited her parents, the Elroy Barbers during Easter vacation.

Jack Post and wife of Cheboygan visited his parents, the Charley Posts over Easter weekend.

Miss Shirley Souders of Harper Hospital, Detroit spent Easter weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Souders.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Peterson and children of Jackson spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bidvia and also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kneff and children of Royal Oak spent the weekend as guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Del Wheeler. While here, their daughter Laurie was baptized at Michelson Memorial Church on Easter Sunday.

Miss Marjorie Nelson of Ferris Institute, Miss Barbara Nelson of Michigan State College and Miss Caroline Nelson of Ann Arbor spent Easter weekend with their father A. J. Nelson.

69 Years Ago April 10, 1930

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Richardson of South Branch Township visited

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ahman Sunday.

Mr. Metcalf is the new pharmacist now employed at the Central Drug Store. He comes from Charlevoix.

Will Taylor of Detroit arrived Wednesday to visit at the home of his brother, Floyd Taylor, for a few days.

Edward Mayotte motored to Petoskey Saturday and was accompanied by Misses Margaret Tyrie and Louise Sibley.

Lon Edwards of Bangor was in Grayling on business the last of the week and looking up old acquaintances.

Harry Hum of Detroit was in Grayling this week shaking hands with old friends and attending to a little business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Forsyth returned Tuesday from Florida, where they have been spending a few days visiting friends.

Miss Louise Anderson of Elk Rapids was a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Otto Neilson, the latter part of the week.

Mrs. B. A. Colley spent Wednesday with her daughter in Vanderbilt. She was accompanied by Miss Evelyn Lovely.

Mrs. E. F. Matson entertained several ladies at cards at her home last Saturday evening.

The Women's Home Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Sigwald Hanson Wednesday afternoon.

A. G. Clough, a graduate of the school of Davey Tree Surgeons has located in Grayling.

92 Years Ago April 11, 1907

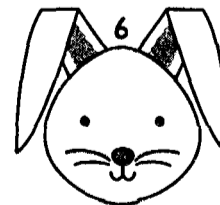
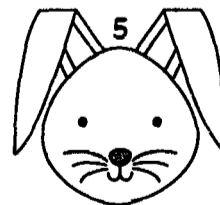
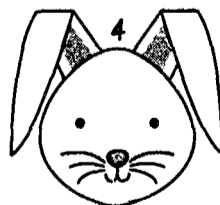
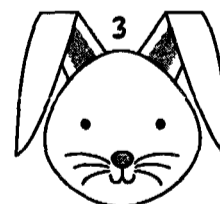
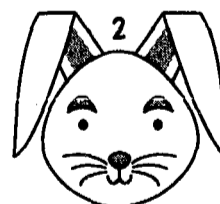
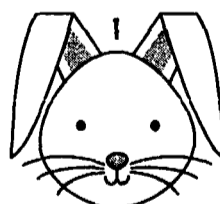
Miss Edith Chamberlen visited in the southern part of the state last week.

Miss Laura Simpson was home from her school at Traverse City.



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER: THREE AND FOUR



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	8 a.m.	Rain
3/31	65	35	50	
4/1	71	47	54	
4/2	60	46	46	0.05"
4/3	70	43	55	
4/4	79	33	33	0.04"
4/5	34	32	33	0.67"
4/6	53	33	42	0.01"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday - a chance of rain developing late, high near 60. Friday - chance of showers and thunderstorms, low in the lower 40's, high in the mid to upper 50's. Saturday - colder with a chance of showers, low in the middle 30's, high in the upper 40's.

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1. Real Estate
AUSABLE RIVER FRONT beautiful building lot on middle branch off Conners Flat Rd. near McMasters Bridge. Call David (740) 797-2801 for details. (LR4/15/99/1)

2. For Rent
NEW HOME Three bedroom, two bath furnished, swimming pool and clubhouse. Lease or month-to-month. \$600 per month plus deposit. (248) 666-2015. (-1-8-15-22-29/2)

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TWO COMMERCIAL SPACES for lease. North Business Loop, 1,100 square feet main floor, 650 square feet basement. For information (517) 348-8922. (4/8/99tf/2)

FOR RENT Office building 1,000, 2,000, or 3,000 sq. ft. Available, M-72 West. Call Randy (517) 348-5474. (1/7/99tf/2)

2. For Rent
FURNISHED non-smoking two bedroom house with 1 1/2 car attached garage. Ideal for single person. Two year old 90% efficient gas (propane) furnace. On paved road 11 miles south of Grayling, close to Higgins Lake. No pets. Personal and employment references required. \$350 month plus security. (734) 459-6641. (-8-15-22/2)

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401-B BRINK STREET Two bedroom upstairs apartment. Remodeled and redecorated. \$385 per month plus utilities. Security deposit required. Call (517) 348-4006 between 9-5:30. (-1-8-15-22-29/2)

2. For Rent
COBBLE CREEK APARTMENTS spring special for March and April 1/2 off your first full months rent on our one, two, and three bedroom apartments rent based on income. Barrier free apartments available. Please call Angie at (517) 348-3150 for an application and information. Equal Housing Opportunity. (LR4/29/99/2)

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807 PLUM Two bedroom house. Recently remodeled and redecorated. \$410 per month plus utilities. Security deposit required. Call (517) 348-4006 between 9-5:30. (-1-8-15-22-29/2)



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VERY WELL MAINTAINED mobile home with 2 nice additions. 3 bedrooms, sunroom and large foyer. Dining room offers bay window & built in hutch. Bath offers double vanity. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, washer and electric dryer. 24x26 detached garage with remote door opener, has front & rear entrance for snowmobiles also a 21x12 basement. Adjoining state land. Great Recreational Getaway! \$49,000 CS-787



AFFORDABLE CABIN NEAR MANISTEE & AUSABLE RIVER. Ideal Snowmobile or Hunting cottage. Located on county maintained road. No septic or plumbing. Bath with a path. All contents and furnishings included. \$17,900 CH-840



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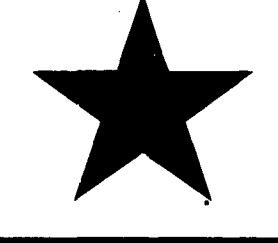
CLOSE ACCESS TO LAKE MARGRETHE with very secluded hilltop setting. Newer 3 bedrooms and 2 bath home, with custom made oak cabinets and sliding doorwall onto rear patio. Fenced in backyard, 18x21 concrete apron, covered entry porch, 2 car heated and finished garage with generous storage. 5x22 lean to on the back of the garage. All appliances included. \$88,900 CH-885



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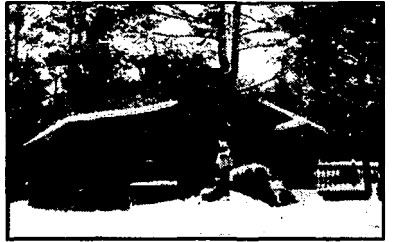
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10 WOODED ACRES, 175' AUSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE - STATE LAND ACROSS RIVER. Tranquil setting 50' from waters edge. This home is nestled amongst red and white pines. 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, all appliances, completely furnished including pots and pans. Kitchen, living room and dining room recently remodeled with knotty pine walls and drywall ceiling with wood beams. New kitchen cabinets and pantry. Brick fireplace with insert. Beautiful view of river from great room! 2 walkout patios doors. Price Reduced \$139,500 CS-872



COMPLETELY RENOVATED 4 bedroom, 2 baths, two story home, just 2 blocks from downtown, schools and hospital. Ideal location for home office or services. Large kitchen, ceramic tile flooring, new cabinetry, built-in oven, range top, dishwasher, refrigerator, walk-in pantry, hardwood floors in living room, double set french doors, side doorwalks onto deck. Nicely landscaped, large shade trees and white picket fence. \$121,900 CH-920



10.83 ACRES MATURE RED & WHITE PINE ADJOINING STATE LAND. Very secluded setting. Enjoy the peaceful tranquility from this well built three bedroom home. Kitchen offers recessed lighting, white formica cabinets with oak trim. LP gas heat, central air, 3 ceiling fans, all appliances including stackable washer & dryer. Large deck on back with railing, covered porch on front and two storage buildings. \$98,000 CS-863



HILLSIDE 3 1/2 acres of hardwoods and majestic white pines. 210' frontage on Old 27, and 976 S.F. PWS enclosed front porch, addition in rear (prior beauty salon), detached garage, deck, swimming pool. Immediate occupancy. \$62,500 CH-948



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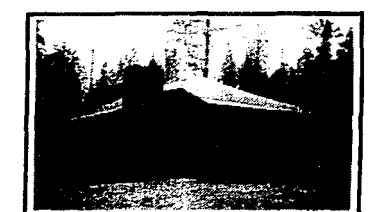
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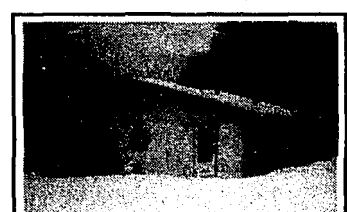
CLOSE ACCESS TO LAKE MARGRETHE with a shared dock. 5 bedroom home with a new addition in 1988. New roof, siding, well, septic & much more. A beautiful setting and home is in excellent condition. \$115,000 (LM-1249)



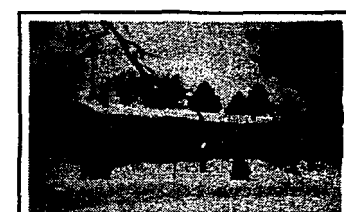
NEAR GRAYLING on a large wooded corner lot. 3 bedroom home with 1 1/2 baths and a large kitchen. 1 car garage plus a large play room or workshop that is heated. \$58,500 (DL-1248)



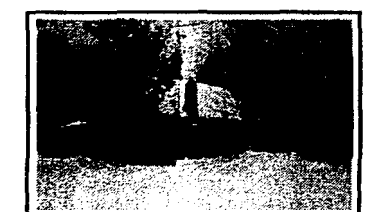
AUSABLE RIVER FLIES-ONLY. Secluded location in the Holy Water. 546 ft. frontage, small pond and creek, foot bridge to island. Three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, enclosed porch. Includes appliances. Large trees and an excellent view. \$150,000 (LM-1245)



HANDYMAN SPECIAL. Over 1400 square feet with 3 bedrooms and a 24x24 new garage. Home needs work, priced to sell at only \$26,000 (BSO-1244)



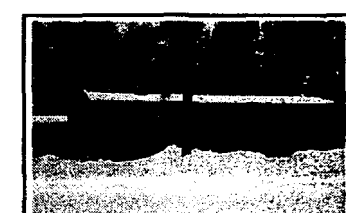
COUNTRY SETTING 2 1/2 wooded acres with a hilltop view overlooking a pond. Over 1700 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 sheds, satellite dish, fireplace, stove and refrigerator. Built in 1992. \$72,900 (DL-1176)



REMODELED CHARMING 3 BEDROOM CHALET with a screened in porch off the master bedroom. 2 car garage, 3 decks, new bathroom, kitchen and appliances. Also a fireplace with a wood stove insert. Must see to appreciate. \$89,000 (DM-1184)



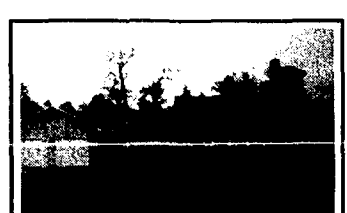
HOME ON 5 ACRES HARDWOODS. Well maintained 3 bedroom home features new carpeting in living room, vaulted ceiling, 24x32' pole barn with 200 amp service & concrete floor, curbside trash pick up, washer & dryer included. Paved county road. Reduced to \$65,000 (KM-1097)



M-72 EAST is the location of this 2 bedroom home. Located in the heart of hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. LP gas heat and a wood stove. \$35,900 (SG-1214)



THIS 3 BEDROOM RANCH located on 2+ acres is an ideal starter home. Features include fenced back yard, 24x28 garage, and large deck for those nice summer evenings. \$52,500 (1051-KJLJ)



THIS NEWLY RENOVATED historic schoolhouse is a must see! 1,800 sq. ft., 3 bedroom home with a lot of characteristics with quality craftsmanship. \$89,900 (KJL-1042)



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2. For Rent

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4/1/99t/2

CLEAN ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX Nice neighbors, \$320 plus utilities, deposit, rental and employment refer. 310B Rolla. (517) 348-2178 (3/25/99t/2)

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CLEAN TWO BEDROOM lower flat for single working person. Is completely furnished with TV. Lake Margrethe access and a garage. No pets. \$400 plus utilities and deposit. Rental and employment references. (517) 348-9026 immediately available or (313) 886-2089. (-8-15/2)

GRAYLING PINE APARTMENTS have an opening for barrier-free one and two bedroom units. Rent based on income, rental assistance available. For more information call (517) 344-0020 or stop by for an application.

Equal Housing Opportunity
TDD (800) 649-3777 (-8-15/2)

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